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## US copter crewmen rescue 4 Indians

ABOARD THE USS MCCULLSKY, Jan 6. (Reuter): Crewmen of a US Navy supply helicopter rescued four Indian fishermen who said they had spent three days floating in a large fishbox in the Gulf after their boat broke up and sank.

News of the Sunday rescue was delayed until a pool of reporters embarked to cover a US Navy convoy of tankers through the Gulf yesterday morning. Among the escorting warships was this frigate.

Navy officials said the SH-3 helicopter was flying cargo and a passenger to the US command ship *Lasalle* on Sunday when the crew spotted four men in the six-foot-square (two metres) box frantically waving pieces of white cloth at them.

According to the crew's official report of the rescue, the helicopter approached the men warily, then closed in when it became apparent they were in trouble.

A helicopter crewman, Paul Jahnke, doored a wetsuit while another crewman directed the pilot into a hover about 15 feet (five metres) above the castaways.

Jahnke jumped into the 65-degree (Fahrenheit) water and helped the fisherman into the rescue hoist.

"It was cold but it was worth it," said Jahnke, who spent about 40 minutes in the water.

The fisherman, who identified themselves as Indian nationals working a fishing boat out of Darsen Saudi Arabia, were suffering from exposure of dehydration. They were flown to a military hospital in a nearby country.

**Dollar surges**  
LONDON, Jan 6. (AP): The US dollar surged upward against most major currencies in European trading today after a report that the United States, West Germany and Japan secretly agreed to stabilise it against the Japanese yen. Gold prices rose. In London, the dollar jumped more than 5-1/2 cents against the British pound. (See Page 12)



HH the Amir (right) yesterday received Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam (second right) and Foreign Minister Farouk Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed (left) attended the meeting.

## Syrian and Soviet envoys meet Amir

# Intensive efforts to end Gulf war

SYRIAN Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam had talks yesterday in Kuwait with Kuwaiti leaders on the prospects of bringing about a breakthrough in the Iraq-Iran conflict. Arab diplomatic sources said.

A Soviet official also arrived for talks on the Gulf war.

Khaddam, accompanied by Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa, visited Kuwait at the start of a tour of Gulf Arab nations that will also take him to Bahrain, Qatar and the UAE. They left Kuwait yesterday and later arrived in Oman for similar talks.

### Message

The tour follows a shuttle by Al Sharaa between Tehran and Riyadh, which currently chairs the six-nation GCC. The shuttle was an apparent bid by Syria to use its good offices with Tehran to at least contain the hostilities between Iran and Iraq.

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## INTERNATIONAL

**Hamadi seen as 'traitor' in Beirut**

DUESSELDORF, Jan 6, (AP): The defence attorney for alleged kidnapper Abbas Ali Hamadi told a Dusseldorf court today that his client is considered a traitor in Beirut and would be killed.

Abbas Hamadi is accused of kidnapping two West Germans nearly a year ago in a bid to win the release of his brother, Muhammed Ali Hamadi, accused of masterminding the June 1985 TWA hijacking.

The Abbas Hamadi trial entered its second day today in a heavily guarded Dusseldorf courtroom.

"He is considered a traitor by some circles in Beirut. If he returned to Beirut he would be shot and killed," defence attorney Eckhard Hild told the crowded courtroom.

**Swap**

Hild did not elaborate. West Germany has said it will not swap either of the imprisoned Hamadi brothers in gain the release of a West German hostage in Lebanon, despite pressure coming from extremists in Beirut.

The kidnappers have issued a warning in Beirut, with threatening language indicating that West German may be targeted for terrorist attacks stemming from alleged mistreatment of 23-year-old Mohammed Hamadi.

**Fog paralyses main cities in Turkey**

ISTANBUL, Jan 6, (Reuter): Heavy fog smothered Istanbul and Ankara today, halting shipping through the Bosphorus Strait and bringing air traffic to a halt.

Istanbul airport weather officials said visibility was near zero in parts of the city, home to six million people. Air traffic at the busy Ataturk airport was stopped in the early hours.

Visibility in Ankara was less than 100 metres and all flights to and from the capital were cancelled, officials said.

Istanbul port officials said sea traffic through the Bosphorus was halted last night. Ships were advised to anchor at the Black Sea and Marmara Sea entrances of the strait as no piloting services could be provided.

Passenger ferries which carry most of the city's commuters between the Asian and European halves of the city were not operating, they added.

Weather officials said a rise in temperature in the upper atmosphere had caused the heavy blanket of fog to stay over the city, and this was aggravated by industrial pollution and the use of high-sulphur lignite coal for domestic heating.

Turkey's third largest city Izmir on the Aegean coast was also hit by heavy fog today and the airport closed to traffic.

**Most of the issues resolved: Soviet minister****Afghan settlement near**

NEW DELHI, Jan 6, (Reuter): The Soviet Union wants the round of talks on Afghanistan scheduled for Geneva next month to be the last and to end in agreement.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin said in remarks published today.

Addressing a restricted group of journalists here, Adamishin said number of issues regarding the ending of the nine-year war in Afghanistan had been settled,

and the major remaining point was the timetable for withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Indian newspapers quoted him as telling the journalists that Moscow had "taken a strong decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan in 12 months — it could be even earlier."

**Government**

Troops were already being pulled out of regions of Afghanistan where there was a ceasefire, he added, and there were now no Soviet soldiers in 12 of the coun-

try's 29 provinces.

The Afghan rebels who have fought the government for the past nine years want Moscow to pull out its estimated 115,000 troops within eight months. But apart from the timetable, the Soviet Union is concerned over what kind of government it will leave behind.

This is likely to be a major issue at the United Nations-sponsored "proximity" talks next month in Geneva, at which UN Deputy Secretary-General Diego Cordovez will mediate between separate Afghan and Pakistani delegations.

The Pakistanis, hosts to more than three million Afghan refugees, will represent the views of the anti-Soviet Mujahideen who have rejected Kabul's national reconciliation process.

Adamishin indicated the process, designed to bring non-Moscow-aligned parties into government, would continue.

National reconciliation was

an internal matter for the Afghans, he was quoted as saying. "As ultimately they will have to decide what type of government they want to have."

**Frenchman**

The official Afghan news agency Bakhtar denounced jailed French journalist Alain Guillio today, saying he had tried to incite bloodshed and helped rebels obtain sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles.

A Bakhtar commentary said there was undeniable evidence he was a spy and not a journalist and that he had helped other spies from France, Britain, the United States, Pakistan and Arab countries enter Afghanistan illegally.

Guillio, 45, who was captured in September during a trip to Afghanistan with anti-Soviet rebels, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for spying by a special court in Kabul on Monday.

A freelance reporter and photographer for the French

photo agency Sygma, he was on his ninth trip to the war-torn country.

France denounced the conviction and called on the Soviet Union to secure his immediate release.

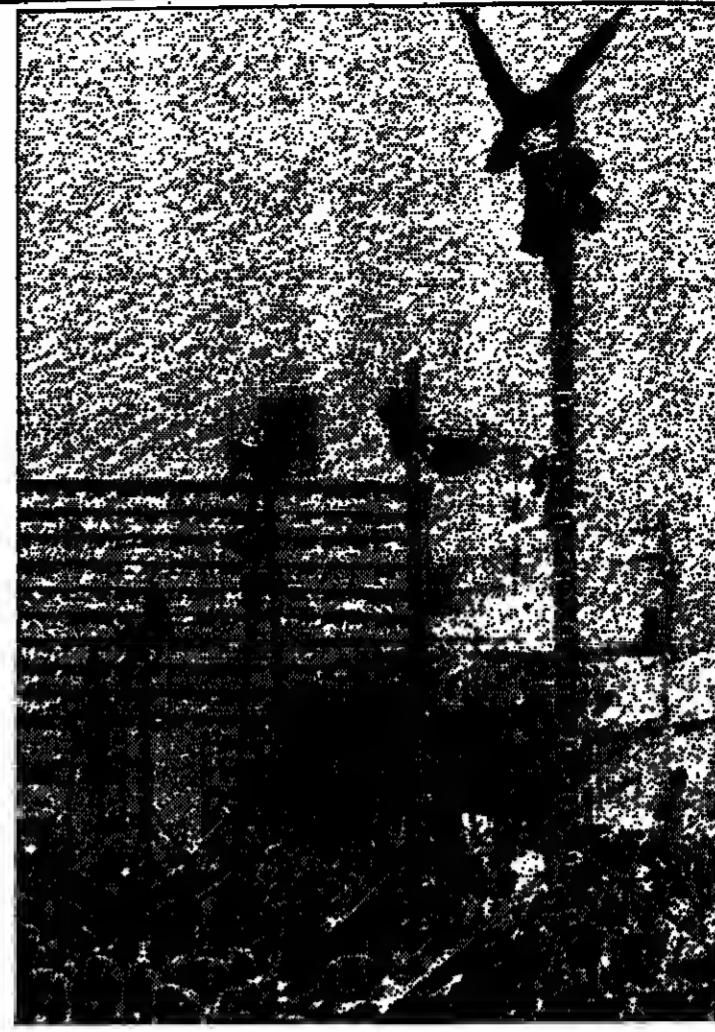
**Maps**

Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, said authorities had confiscated 26 maps considered secret documents from Guillio.

It said the maps had been provided by a "French state organ."

The commentary added that Guillio had noted the rebels' "requirements ... in modern weapons such as Stinger missiles and Blowpipes and sought to provide them."

The US-made Stingers and British-made Blowpipes, shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles, have played a large role in neutralising Soviet and Afghan government air power in 1987, Western experts say.



Firemen in traditional costume perform stunts on ladders during Tokyo fire department's New Year's parade at Tokyo's Harumi Pier. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Israelis seal off S. Lebanon village**

BEIRUT, Jan 6, (Reuter): Residents are running out of food in a south Lebanese village besieged for a week by Israeli troops and their Lebanese militia allies, security sources said today.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said in Beirut efforts had started to get food and medicine to the village of Yohmor, north of an Israeli-declared security zone.

As ICRC spokeswoman said ICRC delegates entered Yohmor on foot on Tuesday. "There is a problem inside the village but we don't know how bad it is," she said.

The security sources said Israeli troops and militiamen of the Israeli-hacked South Lebanon Army (SLA) cordoned off Yohmor last Wednesday after commandos attacked a nearby SLA position.

Conditions in the village are becoming desperate, especially with the gold and people running out of food," one source said.

He said the 6,000 villagers could move around freely inside the village but could not leave it and farmers could not go to their

fields.

Civilians in the area said the Israeli and SLA troops were refusing to let Lebanese past entrances, security sources said today.

"Inside the village, they (the Israeli forces) have been storming houses," said one civilian with relatives in Yohmor.

The village, southeast of the market town of Nabatiyeh, is five km northwest of the border with Israel and just outside a border zone set up by Israel in 1985 to block commando attacks.

The Israeli Army said it shot dead one commando and captured a second wounded commando in the Yohmor area a week ago. Troops found explosives; roadside bombs and weapons nearby.

Some residents said the Israelis were hunting for Yohmor commandos who had helped to shelter one of the commandos.

Checkpoints

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lands.

They said Lebanon might seek UN help to lift the blockade.

**All peaceful means exhausted****No talks with rebels: Aquino**

MANILA, Jan 6, (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino has exhausted all peaceful means to settle the communist insurgency and further talks will be "a dialogue of the deaf," her spokesman said today.

President press secretary Teodoro Benigno told reporters after a cabinet meeting Aquino's policy of an all-out military offensive against the 18-year-old communist insurgency "stands."

"The government has always maintained it has already exhausted all peaceful means to arrive at a peaceful settlement," Benigno said.

Benigno said he saw the military "sharpening the strategy" against leftist insurgents and right-wing army rebels in 1988.

Raul Gonzales said he was trying to convince two more eyewitnesses to the Aug 21, 1983 mur-

der to testify but fear of ousted ruler Ferdinand Marcos' political comeback was hampering his efforts.

"Everytime there is a coup attempt my witnesses disappear," Gonzales told reporters referring to past attempts by soldiers loyal to Marcos to overthrow President Aquino, whose husband was assassinated in the last years of Marcos' rule.

In the latest incident, about 100 NPA rebels attacked a militia outpost in a northern province on Monday, killing four militia guards and three civilians, the military said.

Meanwhile, the chief Philippine prosecutor in the Benigno Aquino murder trial said today he was confident all 37 defendants would be convicted after a surprise witness tagged a soldier as the assassin.

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**Iranians are still on hunger strike**

ABIDJAN, Jan 6, (Reuter): Iranian refugees expelled from France to Gabon entered the fifth week of their hunger strike today, with three of them in hospital in serious condition, a spokesman for the group said.

"We are still determined to fast until flown back to France," spokesman Mohammed Aliye Sheikhi told Reuters by telephone from the Gabonese capital, Libreville.

France expelled the 12 Iranians and three Turks on Dec 8, saying they were members of the Mujahedeen Khalq, the main armed group opposed to Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini and threatened France's national security.

Sheikhi said the 12 hunger strikers were under round-the-clock medical supervision at a hotel in Libreville and were all suffering headaches and low blood pressure.

They were taking only fruit juice and tea with sugar and four of them who were suffering from acute eye pains had paid a brief visit to hospital earlier in the week, the spokesman said.

**Golden Globes****Three movies get five nominations each**

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Jan 6, (AP): Broadcast News, The Last Emperor and Moonstruck each received five 1988 Golden Globe nominations from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

Three other movies captured four nominations each: Cry Freedom, Dirty Dancing, Fatal Attraction.

In the foreign film category, nominees were Au Revoir Les Enfants (French-German), Dark Eyes (Italy-USSR), Jeannne Florette (French), My Life As A Dog (Sweden) and Repentance (USSR).

Among the surprises was a best drama nomination for the film about Ritchie Valens' life, La Bamba, and the absence of any nomination for the late John Huston's critically acclaimed last film, The Dead.

The Golden Globes are often harbingers of the Oscars, usually given in late March. The difference is that Golden Globes offer 10 candidates in the picture and star acting categories to the

Academy Awards' five.

Broadcast News is a hit-set comedy that examines a love triangle in a television newsmagazine. The Last Emperor chronicles the history of Pu Yi, proclaimed emperor of China in 1908 when he was just 3 years old and Moonstruck describes how a full moon changes the life of a widow who struggles with fidelity and the fables of the human heart.

The nominations for the 45th Golden Globe awards, which will be bestowed on Jan 23, include:

Motion picture, drama — Cry Freedom, Empire of the Sun, Fatal Attraction, La Bamba, The Last Emperor and Nuts.

Motion picture, comedy-musical Baby Boom, Broadcast News, Dirty Dancing, Hope and Glory and Moonstruck.

Actor, drama — Michael Douglas; Wall Street, John Lone: The Last Emperor, Jack Nicholson; Ironweed; Nick Nolte; Weeds; and Denzel Washington; Cry Freedom.

**UN asks Israel not to deport Palestinians**

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Morocco condemned Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory and "inhuman Zionist practices" against the population and called for a halt to them, according to a text published today.

At a meeting last night presided over by Moroccan King Hassan II, the Al Quds Committee called for an international Middle East peace conference "as soon as possible."

Amnesty International said it had sent a message to Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday calling for a stop to arbitrary arrests and summary trials of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip because they "violate international standards."

In a related development, a senior British Foreign Office official visiting Israel reviewed his criticism of the Army's actions.

The official, David Mellor, had sparked angry responses from Israeli officials on Monday when he publicly rebuked an Army officer over the arrest of a 14-year-old for stone throwing during a tour of a Gaza Strip refugee camp.

"Had (Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak) Rabin been in the camp with me, he would have seen, as I saw, a situation in which his men are increasingly being asked to do a job no human being can do, without losing control, without people dying," Mellor told a news conference today.

"How long are people going to think that 1.5 million (Palestinian) people can just be kept under the point of a gun?" Mellor said. "It can't go on, and that is what the international community is saying."

British opposition foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman prevented an Israeli officer from taking away a British television crew arrested in a West Bank Palestinian refugee camp today, a member of the crew said.

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In the latest news, acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss and Nahib Berri, Minister of State for south Lebanon, were discussing how to get the Israeli and SLA forces to leave.

They said Lebanon might seek UN help to lift the blockade.

**Soviet scientist refuses to return**

NEW DELHI, Jan 6, (AP): A Soviet scientist, who sought political asylum in the Australian High Commission here three weeks ago, refuses to return voluntarily to the Soviet Union, an Australian diplomat said today.

Alexander Babiy, 25, disappeared from a Soviet tour group on Dec 18 and reached the Australian High Commission, or embassy. He has been living in the High Commission since then.

Brett Martin, a spokesman for the high commission, said Babiy did not wish to return to the Soviet Union. He said the scientist was reacting to an offer yesterday by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Adia Mishin that Babiy return to the Soviet Union and then seek permission to emigrate.

**Emergency landing**

ISTANBUL, Jan 6, (Reuter): Two Turkish charter airlines made emergency landings this week, airline officials said today.

The officials said a DC-10 airliner chartered to Turkish Airlines (THY) was forced to return to Istanbul yesterday after parts broke off its port engine and gouged two big holes in the tail engine.

Loss of cabin pressure forced the pilot of another charter plane, a THY A-310 Airbus, to make an emergency landing at Ercan in the breakaway Turkish republic of North Cyprus today.

Iranian officials said the plane had to make an emergency landing at Ercan because of a technical fault.

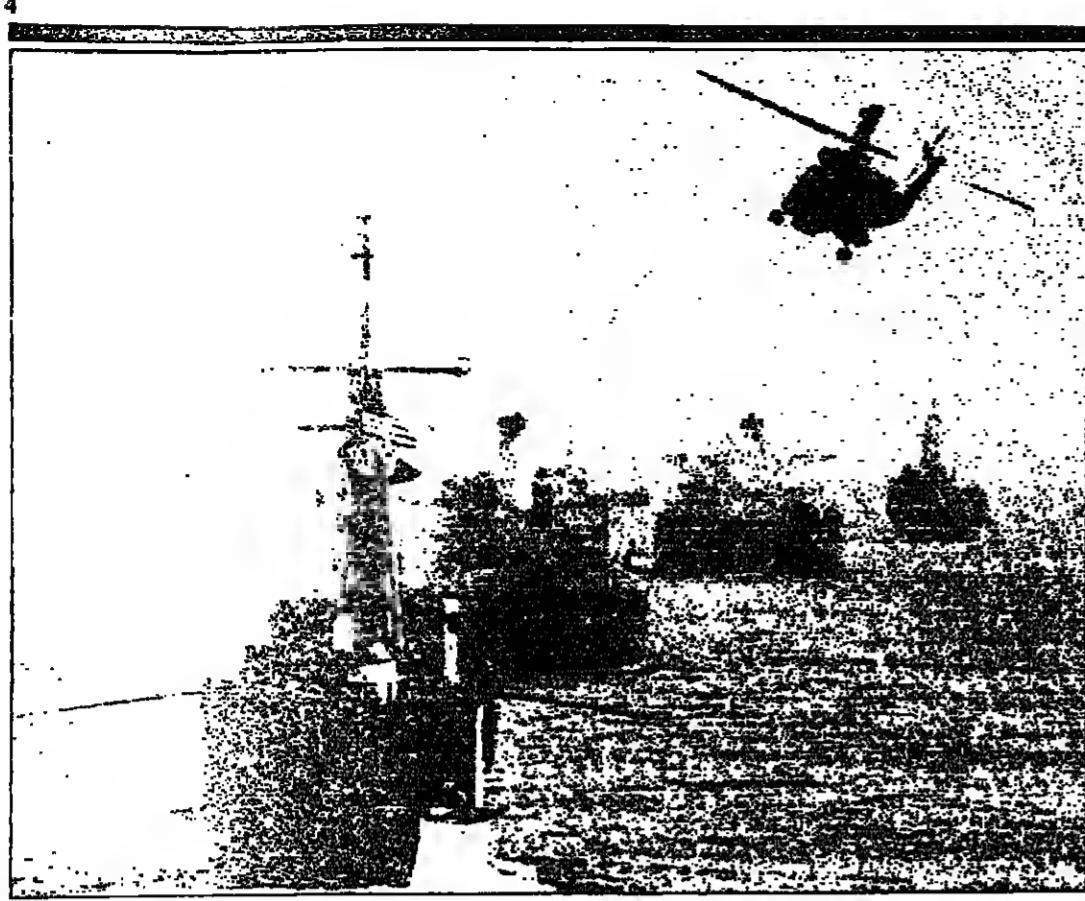
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A US Navy helicopter flies over the 23rd American convoy in the southern Gulf yesterday. The reflagged tankers 'Bridgeton', 'Surf City', 'Lawrence H. Gianella' and 'Rover' were escorted by the US frigates 'Eldad' (foreground), 'Gallant' and 'McClusky' on their way to the Strait of Hormuz. (Reuter wirephoto)



JANAKI RAMACHANDRAN, widow of M.G. Ramachandran, stands by her film star husband's portrait yesterday after winning the battle to succeed him as chief minister of India's key southern state of Tamil Nadu. (Reuter wirephoto)



SUPPORTERS of the Greek Socialist Party of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou welcome Greek Culture Minister Melina Mercouri in Piraeus yesterday during the Epiphany celebration and the blessing of the water. (Reuter wirephoto)



A CHRISTMAS tree lights up the square in this Siberian City. The Russian orthodox Christmas falls on January 7 this year. (Reuter wirephoto)



ONE of the victims of a Tokyo disco accident is carried out from the premises by a friend and rescue worker. Three women were killed and 15 others were injured when a two-ton chandelier fell on dancers at a disco in Tokyo's Roppongi Tuesday night. (Reuter wirephoto)



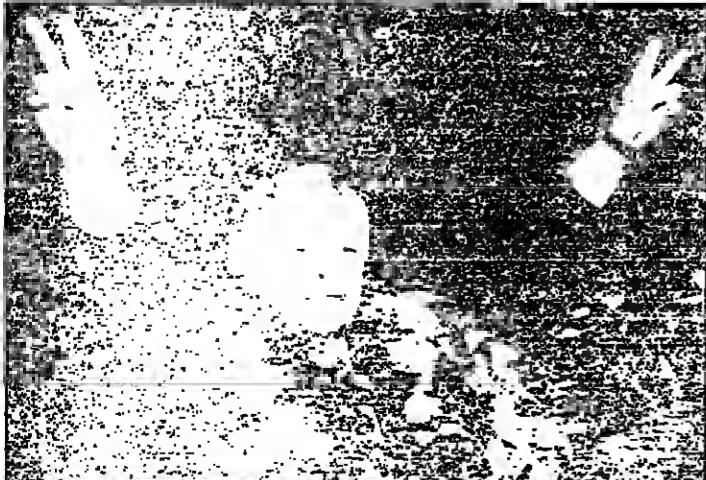
MACHO film star Charlton Heston has his hands full while wrestling with a giant stuffed lion at the start of Harrods' January sale yesterday. Heston was not tempted to buy the toy, reduced from 1,045 to 395 sterling, and said the sale was 'more crowded than the chariot race in the Ben Hur movie.' (Reuter wirephoto)



THE head of King Kong — King of the Apes — is carried past Madrid's Puerto de Alcala monument complete with a pretty girl during a Three Kings parade through the city Tuesday night. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PALESTINIAN youth at Bir Zeit University displays a poster of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat as he holds a bottle during a demonstration. Israeli soldiers did not appear at Bir Zeit and no trouble was reported. (Reuter wirephoto)



UNSUCCESSFUL presidential candidate Kim Young-Sam waves in victory as he was re-elected as leader of South Korea's Reunification Democratic Party on Wednesday at its national convention in Seoul. (Reuter wirephoto)



KING JUAN CARLOS embraces exiled Soviet cellist Mstislav Rostropovich watched by Queen Sofia, after a concert Tuesday evening to mark the Spanish monarch's 50th birthday. (Reuter wirephoto)



MRS PETER BOLOGH fondles her pet, a 32-year-old goose. The aged animal was born when Mrs Balogh's son went abroad, and its keeper decided not to slaughter the animal before the son comes back to stay. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## EVENTS

## The coffee shop beckons..



## Table Talk

BY DINAH

Often the coffee shop of a hotel has a better ambience than its premier restaurant. In spite of the spectacular views from the Hilton's Faialka restaurant, to my taste the La Palma coffee shop is a much more inviting place to eat a meal. If Hotel Meridien's La Brasserie is the most elegant coffee shop in Kuwait, the Hilton's La Palma is surely the most luxurious. Every thought has been given to the guest's comfort from deep, roomy chairs and spacious tables to the clever use of angles, corners and pillars to give each table a feeling of privacy. The restaurant, which has views over the swimming pool, is decorated in attractive shades of aquamarine. A pretty bamboo gazebo, housing the buffet tables, is the focal point of the room. The arrangement of the food has been well thought out

so that guests can circulate freely to help themselves, rather than having to shuffle round in a tedious queue.

A dinner buffet is served from 7pm. Guests can start the meal with soup then fill their plates from a mouthwatering selection of salads and appetizers. Freshness was the keynote of the whole meal from the newly baked French bread, giant, succulent Gulf prawns and creamy avocado filled with crab to the tender slices of smoked salmon. Herbs and seasoning had been skilfully used to give each salad an individual and distinctive taste, rather than the general "hotel" flavour one so often finds. There was a particularly good potato salad, some interesting terrines of fish and meat, finely shredded cheese and meat salads and a wide range of sauces, pickles and chutneys. The display was colourful and attractively presented.

## Range

Although one could have made a meal of the salad buffet alone, it would have been a shame to miss the delights of the hot buffet. The range of dishes was impressive from Osso Buceo — tender veal knuckles in a rich Italian tomato and herb sauce to Saffron Mussels — delicious mussels in a delicately flavoured sauce. One could choose from Hamour with aromatic cardamom rice or Chicken Maryland with strips of beef bacon. The chef stood by ready

to carve succulent slices of sirloin or tasty shawarmi. Often the vegetables served at hot buffets are a disappointment but the brussel sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower at the La Palma were kept in perfect condition. The aubergines stuffed with minced meat and Parmesan were especially delicious.

The high standards of the meal were maintained in the desserts. All of those we tasted were fresh and moist. Once again the variety stood out: from poppy seed cake, Irish coffee cake, strawberry gateau and chocolate mousse to bread-and-butter pudding, Arabic pastries, mufhalabi, nut slices and fruit tarts. If all of this was not enough, there was a cheese board and one could finish the meal with tea or coffee.

The waiters were friendly and courteous, although they were slow to remove the dishes between courses. The only other flaw in the whole evening was the music — the acoustics of the restaurant made the piano unpleasantly loud, so that conversation was a strain.

**RESTAURANT:** La Palma **TYPE:** Coffee Shop of the Hilton Hotel **MEAL:** Three course dinner buffet **PRICE:** KD11 (for two) **Star rating (out of five):** \*\*\*\* **FOOD:** \*\*\*\* **SERVICE:** \*\*\*\* **ATMOSPHERE:** \*\*\*\* **VALUE FOR MONEY:** \*\*\*\*



## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Fi Rihab Tarhiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Ghareeb.  
11.00 Songs  
11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: "Islam and Man", new religious programme, hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shahin.  
12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anhura Min Akhbar Jahan: Arabic serial, part one: starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifai, Mohammad Husein Sharhini.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events  
3.30 Hakim Al Aqazam: cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.40 Persuaders; featuring

Roger Moore  
5.30 Children's programme  
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rasha Magdi  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Show Jumping  
7.30 Rahlat Fi Al Majnoon: Arabic serial. Starring: Issad Yunus, Ala Rami, Hassan Mustafa, Hussein Sharhini  
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr Khalid Al Madhkhouri  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 From People's Art  
10.25 Salam Ya Sabih: Arabic feature film starring Adel Imam, Saeed Saleh, Susan Badr, Mohammad Al Daftawi. A tale of two friends who go on a holiday and encounter many difficulties.  
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Rasha Magdi.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.35 World News via Satellite  
2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

**FRIDAY**  
9.00 Holy Quran  
9.30 Children's Magazine  
10.00 News Summary  
10.05 World News via Satellite  
10.20 Hikayat Min Alam: Stories from Around the World.  
11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa: religious talk by Sheikh Salih Abu Ismael.  
11.15 Friday Prayer  
12.15 Min Wah Al Ayat Al Bayanat: religious serial.  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Preview of next week's programme on KTV  
2.30 Hadith Deen: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutawalli Sharawi.  
3.15 Football: Kuwait vs Saudi Arabia; qualifier for 1988 Olympic Games. Live broadcast from Saudi Arabia.  
4.55 INTERVAL  
6.15 Kuwait in a Week  
7.00 News Summary  
7.10 Kul al Funoon: hosted by Rasha Magdi.  
7.45 Weekly Seminar  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Qulub Eind Al Marafat: Arabic play featuring Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.  
11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: local and international football, basketball and volleyball matches.

**FRIDAY**  
10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show  
10.30 Late Night Movie  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Action and thrills from the Airwolf team, Michele Scarabelli, Barry Van Dyke, Geraint Wyn Davies and Anthony Sherwood, at 6.30 pm on Friday, KTV 2.

**FRIDAY**  
3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.  
6.00 She Ra: cartoons  
6.30 Airwolf: "A Town For Hire". All traces of a plane and the victim disappear after the plane crashlands in a remote area.  
7.30 Spitting Image  
8.00 English Breaking Away  
9.05 Matlock: A Mafia man hires Matlock to defend him in a case of murder.  
9.30 Weekend: local programme  
10.00 What A Country:  
10.30 Crime Story: "Fatal Crossroads". The court hearing is postponed and the gang moves on to Las Vegas.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

**Friday**  
Morning  
08.00 Opening  
08.02 Songs and Music  
08.30 News  
08.40 Songs and Music  
08.45 Daily Programme  
09.00 Muslims Around the World  
09.30 Al-Khalidah  
09.30 Kiddies Corner  
10.00 Songs and Music  
10.30 Singers and their songs  
11.00 Closedown  
13.30 News on the FM service  
Evening  
21.00 Opening  
21.02 Songs and Music  
21.10 Daily Programme  
21.25 Songs and Music  
21.45 News  
22.00 The Friday Request  
24.00 Closedown

## BBC World Services

JAN 7, 14, 21, 28  
0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsreel  
15 Flying the Flag (ex 28th Two Cheers for January)  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Waveguide  
40 Book Choice  
45 Sports Roundup  
0200 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Network UK  
30 Assignment  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Broadcast Journalist America: 14th Hearing the World: 21st Byron: 28th Rescuing the Rhine Newsdesk  
0400  
30 Classical Record Review  
45 Reflections  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Stock Market Report  
45 Sports Roundup  
2300 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Science in Action  
30 Time for Verse  
40 The Farming World  
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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

PEOPLE generally quarrel because they cannot argue  
— Gilbert Chesterton, English writer (1874—1936).

## OPINION

## Israel's back will be broken

THE price that France paid in Algeria will be paid by Israel in Palestine. France occupied Algeria and considered it a part of France, and now the Israeli Army in Palestine is the same as the French Army was in Algeria many years ago.

The stubbornness of France went so far as to include the kidnapping of Algerian resistance movement leaders, which only intensified their resistance activities. Later came the torture of the Algerian girl, Jamila, which in itself may have seemed insignificant, but when added to other issues, represented the straw that broke the camel's back. Israel is playing the same role — in the end its back will be broken.

What we have to say now is let Israel continue with its atrocities and obstinate actions, which will ignite the fire the Palestinian lands have needed for over 40 years. These actions will move the Palestinians away from the soft diplomatic atmosphere which has proven ineffective in freeing the Palestinians and restoring their homeland. This atmosphere is simply one of dinner parties and the exchange of kisses without occasion.

Israel has now dug its own grave — a reality we have waited for over 40 years.

Algeria was liberated only by the revolution from within the country — not by tanks positioned along the borders. It was liberated by fire, stones, Molotov cocktails (bombs) and martyrs from the occupied Algerian territories.

The Palestinian people living outside of Palestine must feel proud of their brothers in Palestine, especially when they see the US, that arrogant superpower, stand for the first time in six years, against Israel in the United Nations Security Council and reject the expulsion of Palestinian youths from their homeland. These are the youths who revolted against the atmosphere of the elegant military uniforms and the romance of official parties.

Israel has committed a historical mistake, which Zionists frequently do in any country they occupy. It is their greed and stubborn sucking of human blood for God's so-called "chosen people." Israel has committed the deadly mistake which we have waited for 40 years, and because of this we say let Israel continue to kill women and children. This is the price that will end the dream of Hizbullah and his commandments.

Finally, may Allah have mercy on the martyrs of Palestine — freedom requires blood and this is their fate.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Chinese intellectuals hope for better days

By Andrew Roche

BEIJING. (Reuter): China's long-suffering intellectuals, cowed into timidity by hardline ideologues during the year of the rabbit, are hoping for better things in 1988 — the year of the dragon.

No one expects the writers, theorists and artists to begin breathing fire just yet. But the fall from influence of key leftists and the withering of 1987's campaign against Western political ideas has at least left them breathing easier.

Some of the most prominent "bourgeois liberal" victims of the campaign are emerging from their burrows. At least one appears bent on settling scores with his former tormentors.

Writer Wang Ruoshui, asked to leave the Communist Party in August, is currently circulating a highly popular pamphlet which eloquently attacks the campaign. Chinese sources said.

Astrophysicist Fang Lizhi, quoted this year as saying "Marxism is no longer of much use," and investigative journalist Liu Binyan, expelled from the party and vilified publicly 11 months ago, might even be appointed to a top government advisory body soon, Chinese sources said.

Even thoroughly established figures now appear willing to criticise the "bourgeois liberal" drive.

"We have had a 'spring chill'... intellectuals are very sensitive, they have suffered a lot. A spring chill can affect your eventual harvest," veteran cultural official Xu Yan told an interviewer in the latest edition of *Outlook* magazine.

Lacklustre

Prominent writers say 1987's crop of literature has been the most lacklustre for years, as authors withdrew or watered down writings that could be accused of "bourgeois liberal" tendencies.

Even the official government New China News Agency described the year's literary atmosphere as "rather depressed."

Officially, the campaign is still in progress. But the tide, now directed by reformist party leader Zhao Ziyang, has turned.

## Judge asks for confessions

## Quick trials in Israeli courts

By Karin Laub

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank. (AP): A military judge presiding over the trials of accused Arab rioters repeatedly told defendants Tuesday to reveal quick confessions with lighter sentences.

Defense lawyers said such exhortations are symptomatic of an unjust legal system seeking to rush through hundreds of cases piled up following mass arrests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Army officials have denied allegations of summary justice.

"It's not unusual for a judge to tell a defendant that a confession would be a factor in the amount of punishment imposed," said Amos Guiora, a military prosecutor in Ramallah. "It's not a threat that he will get a harsher sentence. God forbid."

Guiora said charges have been brought against about 500 defendants of Nablus, the largest court. He said one was acquitted and 30 to 40 sentenced. In Ramallah, 48 detainees were charged, but none was tried, he said.

The remainder were given trial dates to allow both sides to present witnesses. Army officials said, More than 200 detainees have been released.

US government observers and Israeli civil rights activists who attended some of the trials said they believed that they were fair.

About 40 Palestinians, most in their teens and 20s, were brought from Atlit prison in northern Israel to the military court in the West Bank city of Nablus.



Palestinians awaiting trial

The defendants, who wore dark blue prison uniforms, sat eight rows deep on the right side of the small courtroom, while about 30 women in traditional Arab dress filled the benches on the left.

Some spectators whispered words of encouragement to the defendants, while others passed scribbled notes and tissues. About 100 relatives waited outside the court despite heavy rain.

During a three-hour session

Tuesday, judge Yehoshua Halevy postponed or scheduled for trial eight cases, often acting at the request of the defense.

Hesitated three defendants who pleaded guilty to throwing stones. Two 15-year-old boys were given prison terms for two months and the third, also a teen-

ager, was sentenced to three months. Each was also given a one-year suspended sentence and fined 200 shekels.

The International Commission of Jurists in Geneva has published affidavits of security prisoners who complained, among other things, of being beaten and subjected to extremely hot or cold showers.

Army officials have denied allegations of systematic torture, but acknowledged that isolated cases of mistreatment might have occurred.

Dudu Yahav, the Army's legal adviser in the West Bank, said judges immediately investigate complaints of mistreatment.

Defense lawyers also said that since the mass arrests began last month, their working conditions have deteriorated sharply because of confusion in the court

system.

Lawyer Omar Bayadse said in some cases files are lost, defendants are not brought to court on their trial date and prison officials can't tell lawyers where their clients are being held.

"It's chaos," Bayadse said.

On Monday, one case had to be postponed because the file could not be found.

To protest the conditions, lawyers in the West Bank and Gaza have gone on strike, saying they would not represent detainees arrested after the rioting began Dec. 8. Some of the cases heard Monday concerned incidents before that date.

Army officials acknowledged that there was some confusion initially because of the large number of cases. But Guiora said a special office has been set up to field inquiries from lawyers.

## US walking a tightrope

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON. (Reuter): The United States is trying to walk a fine line in its response to Israel's violent handling of Palestinian protests in the occupied territories, analysts say.

He argued that "The real underlying problem is that the prospect for a political breakthrough in the Middle East peace process is really gone" for the next few years.

In the past, moderate older Palestinians in the occupied areas could temper young people's rage by "holding out hope that something might happen on the political front," he said.

Now, progress towards Middle East peace appears unlikely with President Reagan in his last year in office and so much interest focused on superpower arms control, he said.

Other analysts said many other factors dissuaded Washington from bearing down too strongly on Israel, especially in public.

Backing

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responsibility to speak out against Israel's use of lethal force and its plans to deport Palestinians accused of inciting the protests.

He argued that "The real underlying problem is that the prospect for a political breakthrough in the Middle East peace process is really gone" for the next few years.

In the past, moderate older Palestinians in the occupied areas could temper young people's rage by "holding out hope that something might happen on the political front," he said.

Now, progress towards Middle East peace appears unlikely with President Reagan in his last year in office and so much interest focused on superpower arms control, he said.

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## Mitterrand's stocks soaring

By Alan Philips

PARIS. (Reuter): At an age when most public figures write their memoirs, French President Francois Mitterrand is discovering a new political youth as his supporters nudge him to run for a second seven-year term.

An unlikely coalition of singers, writers and sportsmen recently joined a chorus of appeals for the 71-year-old Socialist leader to join the race for the 1988 presidential elections, only four months away.

"Mimi, don't abandon us" was the theme of the petition, published in the monthly magazine *Globe* and signed by 57 cultural, sporting and media figures and a disgruntled electorate.

Supporters of the initiative range from fashion designer Azzedine Alaia, to footballer Dominique Roche and France's most popular actor, Gerard Depardieu.

Mitterrand, who refuses to be hurried into announcing a decision, denies he had anything to do with their initiative.

"I'm very touched, but I was not consulted in advance, so I retain complete freedom of action," Mitterrand told a television interviewer.

Five hundred mayors and other elected representatives, meanwhile, bought newspaper advertising space to declare of Mitterrand: "He's the one for us."

They said his department head, Wang Renzhi, might also be in danger.

Red Flag magazine, a dusty fortnightly established by Chairman Mao nearly 30 years ago as the party's ideological organ and regarded as a leftist base camp, is threatened with closure next year, according to Chinese sources.

The fate of the often turgid, massively subsidised magazine was sealed at a meeting earlier this year in which, according to one academic, party leader Zhao said: "I don't read it. Who needs it?"

**Stress** In recent speeches, Zhao has stressed the importance of science, technology and education more than ideology, and newspapers have called for better treatment and respect for academic.

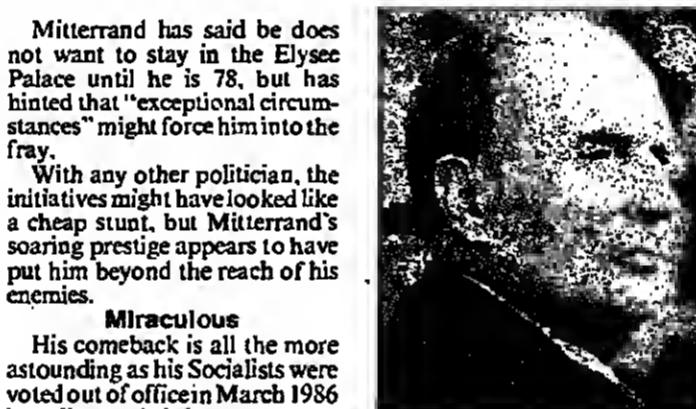
It is a practical question. We cannot make progress if the brightest people are too afraid to speak up," one Chinese journalist said.

There is talk in the Chinese media of a press law to encourage greater freedom of debate.

The signs do not yet add up to a cultural spring, the journalist said. "We are still in a cage, but the cage is getting bigger," he added — and asked not to be identified.

The front page of a recent issue of People's Daily called on China's thinkers to "liberate their minds" and "let one hundred flowers bloom, and one hundred schools of thought contend."

The slogan was first coined by chairman Mao in 1957 to encourage intellectual debate, and is tainted by the mass imprisonments of those who took it literally, spoke their minds, and were subsequently imprisoned.



Mitterrand: comeback seen as the man to take France into the 1990s.

The right-wing *Figaro* newspaper lamented that Mitterrand had become a new Sun King — the title of King Louis XIV.

"For strange reasons which have to be analysed, Mitterrand has suddenly become a 'great man' who attracts all the benefits of power and none of the evils," it noted bitterly.

**Backfire** Chirac's RPR party tried to dent Mitterrand's image by calling him "Gaga." But the campaign backfired as the President appears in robust health and on top of his job.

Right-wing critics then highlighted Mitterrand's alleged role in France's so-called "frangate" scandal in which 500,000 artillery shells were sold to Iran by the previous Socialist government.

According to a year-end opinion poll, Mitterrand would beat all comers if he were to stand in the two-round presidential election to be held in April and May.

He increased his support to 53.5 per cent, compared with 46.5 per cent for the top challenger, centre-right politician Raymond Barre. A contest with Chirac would be a walkover for Mitterrand.

Right-wing strategists are wringing their hands and wondering how it is that the aloof and literary president, whose first ministerial post dates from 1947,

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**Support**

All except Oman restored diplomatic ties with Cairo in November after an eight-year break caused by Egypt's peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Oman never broke relations. They were among nine Arab League members who resumed relations after an Arab summit in Jordan. After that summit, League members were free to restore individual relations with Egypt.

One Egyptian official said the tour will show him that Egypt, the strongest Arab military power, will support its Arab brothers against the Gulf against Iranian threats. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

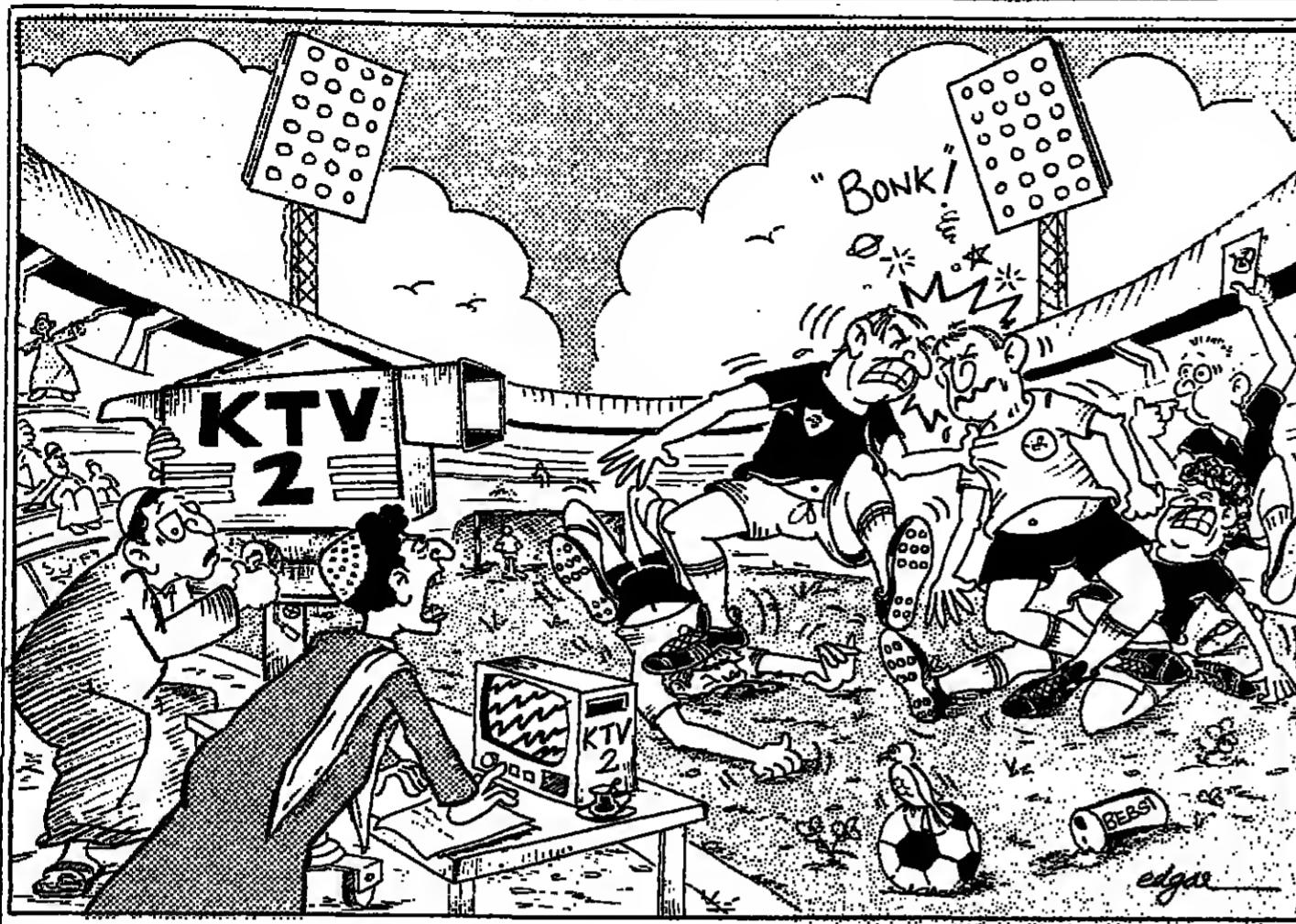
The Israeli government already is divided on the conference issue. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, strongly opposed the idea.

The government sources said Mubarak wants to convince the United States of an urgent need for it to be more actively involved in organising an international conference.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1537 — Alessandro de Medici is assassinated and Cosimo de Medici succeeds him in Florence.
- 1558 — Francis I captures Calais from the English.
- 1598 — Boris Godunov seizes the Russian throne on death of Feodore I.
- 1622 — Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II and Gabor Bethlen of Transylvania sign peace treaty.
- 1761 — Afghans defeat Marathas at Panipat in India.
- 1807 — Britain declares blockade of coasts of France and Napoleon Bonaparte's allies.
- 1932 — United States protests Japanese aggression in China.
- 1937 — Poland signs agreement with Danzig.
- 1961 — African charter is issued at Casablanca by African heads of state.
- 1967 — Fighting is reported between Chinese Red Guards and workers in Nanking.
- 1968 — Government of Lebanon resigns after Israeli commando raid at Beirut airport.
- 1972 — India resists US pressure and grants full diplomatic recognition to China.
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## HUMOUR



By Keith Wells

### Oh no! not again

A BLOOD-CURDLING scream from the living room, I dropped everything and dashed in there expecting to see someone had strangled the wife. She was sitting stiff as a board on the sofa, her eyes glazed in terminal boredom. The scream echoed out again, I spun round in alarm but soon realised what it was, another local football match on the telly.

The scream was merely the shy, retiring announcer's way of letting us know that some inter-galactic genius had just kicked a ball of hot air between two white sticks.

Of course, he had to announce such a cosmic event at the very loudest possible volume just in case anyone should miss it. I try very hard to miss it, but he usually manages to let me know about it even if I'm in the next apartment block.

Why on earth should they

show us this garbage night after night after night, particularly when the stadium where this

vitally, crucially, earth-shakingly important event is taking

place is already crammed with a vast seething, cheering, howling mob of six or seven people

and a stray cat? If that's the

I suppose I should confess, I

amount of people who actually care enough about the game to bother to go to the stadium, why make half a million of the rest of us suffer too?

And that announcer! One

day some benevolent philanthropist will sneak up on him and slit his vocal chords with a blunt

and rusty cutlass and curse him a

million headaches with one

brief chop. Is the man actually

mad? Certifiably ravaging bananas? It sounds like it to me, and I think KTV should do the

humane thing, put him in a cage

somewhere quiet with a pile of

videos of grown men running

about in their underwear kicking

a leather bag all over the

place and let him scream the

place down. But please, please,

don't let him into my living

room with his crazed howls of

ecstatic delight every time his

little friends in blue vests and

white knickers manage to

score.

Not that they ever score very

many, usually only two or three

per game, whereas Ivan Lendl

regularly gets forty and even

Gatting sometimes gets as

many as a hundred when he

isn't busy trying to be like John

McEnroe.

I suppose I should confess, I

pretend it's a children's programme, or a film you've wanted to see since childhood, or the next part in a gripping serial. Poor old KTV agree to show the programme, then, before they know what's happened, 'King Lear' or 'Tom and Jerry' or 'the Life of Marilyn Monroe' turns out to be twenty two half-dressed lunatics running all around a big empty stadium while the hair-damaged commentator goes 'YAAARRGGHHH, YAAARRGGHHH! Poor old KTV, they are obviously trying so hard to give us decent programmes to watch, but these wicked mafios keep tricking them every time.

Another thing I don't understand is the six or seven fanatics who have actually bothered to go to the stadium to watch these strange antics. Who are they? They're all wearing white, so perhaps they're part of the medical staff at the asylum from which the rest of them have evidently escaped. Whoever they are, I just wish they would round the others up, put them in a nice armoured truck and take them back where they belong. Let them kick each other and scream to their hearts content, but don't make the rest of us watch, it's too painful.

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THE worst thing about sending a Christmas gift is not knowing if the person received it.

This scene is being repeated in homes all over America.

"It's funny," said Ethel Americus, "the Blauvelts never thanked us for the ant farm we sent them."

"Maybe they didn't like it," Tom Americus suggested.

"Even if they didn't they should at least have had the manners to acknowledge it. Ant farms are not easy to find," Ethel sniffed.

"Perhaps they never received it," Tom said.

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### The Art Buchwald Column

#### Thanks for what?

sister and ask her if she knows whether they received it or not," Ethel suggested.

"Ah, the heck with it. If they're going to behave like ingrates I say we write off the ant farm as a bad investment," Tom told her.

"I still think they didn't get it. Loretta would be the first to sit down and send a thank-you note," Ethel said.

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breathe, I had forgotten we sent you anything... You don't have to say you like it if you don't. It's a silly little present, but I thought you would be amused every time you saw the ants digging out of the sand... You don't have to gush. Tom and I never expect anyone to acknowledge our Christmas presents. We give for joy, not for thanks."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

### ANDY CAPP



By Smith

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## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

Despite floods, droughts and even a 55-day cinema strike

## Any time is party-time in filmland

ONCE again, the film industry had a fresh round of "muhurats", parties and functions. New films were started, new cassettes and disc albums were released, birthdays and marriages were held. And for each occasion there was a party to celebrate in a big way.

In normal times, such luxury could be passed off as part of show biz. But the country has just encountered a severe drought in many regions, while other parts suffered from floods. Newspapers brought grim stories of human endurance. The government also declared austerity measures.

But our film folks seemed to be least bothered, not even about their own calamities. In entire North India, a cinema strike was held for 55 days between October and December. All 850 theatres remained closed, and the loss of revenue to the industry and of taxes to the state government ran into crores of rupees.

Yet there was not even proper unity within the different sectors. Theatres in Delhi kept running. And when rallies were arranged in Lucknow, very few stars attended.

But in Bombay it was pleasure as usual. Champagne corks popped and tables were stacked with food. It is a big irony that while the strike was going on, there were muhurats of almost 55 films, which meant that one new film per day had been started. Following that there was little progress, and some films were scrapped soon after the launching. It seems that a new bunch of investors, i.e. building contractors and diamond or gold merchants are entering the industry to launder their black money, please clients in business and then disappear. And that some big producers are in league with them.



Dharmendra presents a trophy to Mandakini at the Hinkumat jubilee party.

The fresh round of parties began in mid-October, reached a climax recently and nobody knows when it will end. Among the most recent was the starting of *Shehzade* by Rajan Sippy who is a flop hero. Not finding any other opening, he has turned to production, with his cousin Raj Sippy as director. He will himself play the third hero, after Dharmendra and Shatrughan Sinha with Dimple and Kimmy as heroines. Rajan has still to find his heroine. All were present except Dharam who had suffered an injury during a shooting. Sunny came to stand-in for papa but left abruptly on seeing the huge crowd. Shashi Kapoor swif-

ched on the camera and Shatru opened the champagne bottle with a bang.

## Flop

Another flop actor Gulshan Arora was not as lucky. Twice he announced the launch of his *Deewana Ashiq*. When journalists went there they found it had been cancelled. Riding on the crest of a popularity wave is Shatrughan Sinha. He has signed up for nearly 15 films after *Khudgarz*. For his birthday in December he had decided not to disturb the shooting of *Shiva Shakti*. When he arrived on location, the producer Anand fired several gunshots in the air to give him a royal salute. But Shatru brushed him aside.

Anyway on the same evening, a party for a new film called *Ranbhoomi* at Juhu Centaur hotel, became the occasion for celebrations. Soon after the opening shot, performed by Jeetendra, Shatru and Rishi, a huge birthday cake was brought for Shatru to cut.

There were also nine other cakes, as the film's title has nine letters. Since Dimple could not attend, Juhu Chawla stole the show.

Another launching was that of *Glaav* signifying an "Inner wound". A huge set was erected with the letters of the title broken up like wounds. Govinda and Farha Kapoor were present except Sanjay Dutt, who had suffered an injury during a shooting. Sunny came to stand-in for papa but left abruptly on seeing the huge crowd. Shashi Kapoor swif-

effects and musical prayers played on tape.

Govinda is very keen on promoting himself due to the rivalry of Chunky. But one producer has been rash enough to feature them together in a film called *Barabar Ki Takk*. Govinda also had his birthday bash, along with a new film in his honour called *Naach Govinda Naach*. Obviously, he now wants to compete with the dancing Mithun rather than the fighting Chunky. Yet another big launch was of *Hinsa* (violence) with Shatru again playing opposite Raj Babbar, Poonam, Sonam, and newcomer Sahil. Its characters are called warriors, colonels, commandos and so the evening party was a "victory celebration".

Then, there were three very big parties, crowded by guests and gate-crashers. The biggest was the silver jubilee of *Mr India* and the start of their own new film *Roop Ki Rani, Choron ka Raja*, at the Holiday Inn. Boney and Anil Kapoor, with brother Sanjay also an up-coming hero, did it with such pomp and show that Boney soon managed to get the title of big showman (after Subhash Ghai and R.K.). The hotel gate and the passage to the open pool-side were lavishly decorated, along with a welcoming band. An entire song-dance from the new film was picturised as the *muhurat* scene, on Sri Devi, Anil and chorus dancers. And then the whole skyline was lit up with fireworks, in which the long name of the film was also blazed. A lot of money went up in smoke that night.

The second big event was for *Roti ki Keemat* with two Mithuns on stage, one in person and another in a realistic cut-out, as an angry young man, with Kimi as his heroine. At the party, Mithun arrived at midnight and stayed till morning though he has just recovered from an operation. Is he going the Sanjeev Kumar way?

The third launch was of *Insaaf Apne Lahoo Se* the highlight being that Amitabh Bachchan attended it. This is because the new director is Dilip Kalyani, assistant to



Aruna Irani gets a piece of cake in the shape of Kohli's recording van.

Manmohan Desai, with whom Amit is very chummy. Sanjay Dutt, Sonam and Shekhar Suman stole the limelight, as hero Shatrughan did not come. He and Amitabh are on different political sides.

## Development

A new development is that of political leaders presiding over some film functions. As they belong to the opposition, the film folks' tussle against the present government becomes more interesting. On the other side, there are complaints from hotels that party bills have not

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Rajan Sippy (left) turns producer with a star cast: Kimi, Shatru, Dimple and director Raj Sippy.

been cleared by industry people for more than six months.

Still muhurats and parties continue merrily. SuperCassettes gave quadruple Platinum Discs to the *Mr India* people. They also released Manoj's son Vishal Goswami's Ghazals called *Surahil*. Dilip Kumar presided with a flowing Urdu speech starting with: "I pray to Allah to lead him to greater success". Venus cassettes have a regular quota of three parties per month, to keep up with H.M.V. The C.B.S. music company held a party for Salma Agha. Raj Kumar Kohli got a

cake made in the shape of his new recording van.

Fight master Ram Shetty turned producer with *Khatarnak*. He did a grand muhurat where the set depicted a pack of huge glassy playing cards. The glass with the ace of diamonds broke and out came Sunjay Dutt. Then glasses of hearts got smashed and there emerged Anita Raj with Farha. Many more glasses will be broken by the time the film is complete. Govinda's brother Kirti does not know a thing about film direction. But he launched *Aakar Kartoo* as an Indo-UK, co-pro in two languages. Yash Chopra started his *Chandni* with Sri Devi, Vinod Khanna and Rishi. He did it with a romantic display of "Love is forever and beyond, love is what you feel"..., adding that the film will be shot entirely inside a woman's heart.

Outside Bombay, Yash's partner T. Subbiram Reddy, a trade magnate of Hyderabad, lavishly celebrated his daughter's wedding calling stars and others from different places. The party was hosted at the posh new Krishna Oberoi hotel. The guest list ran into thousands and the cost of decorations into lakhs. The poor Bengali film world woke up, when *Sampharsa* was started at a Calcutta studio in grand style, topped by a cocktail-dinner at Hotel Hindustan.

Successful Shatru gives Juhu Chawla a bite to eat at the party for *Ranbhoomi*.

Anupam Kher had refused to do the role of Mogambo in *Mr India* due to an ego clash with Boney Kapoor. But at the silver jubilee party, Anupam came sporting as Master of ceremonies. So Amrish Puri (who became the popular Mogambo) gave Anupam a trophy for not playing the role. Otherwise, Amrish would have never got his role.

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Padmini Kolhapure Sharma



Padmini Kolhapure (right) and husband: she will quit the film world at the end of April 1988.

## Behind the Screen

has given a notice through her lawyers that she will quit working as a film star at the end of April 1988. She will not shoot after that for any film, whether it is under production or yet to start (though she might have pocketed the signing amount). So all producers have been

asked to take her dates till then and finish up their films. But in case they fail to do it, Padmini will not be responsible and she will also leave for a long holiday abroad after May. So producers are now more alert about their heroines taking the matrimonial plunge.

Vinod Khanna has started getting songs removed from his films. He forced Romi and Raj Sippy to cut out a duet from *Maheeva* because it sounded too South Indian to Vinod. And the film makers obliged.

These days, films are shot without the active presence of director. The dance, fight and rape masters do everything.

The dance on the title song of *Roop Ki Rani* was bashed wholly by Saroj the choreographer, while director Satish Kaushik flitted around saying hello to everyone. Again, a dance for *Paap Ki Dunya* was shot at Ooty by the dance composer while director Shiju Mitra was in Bombay doing some patch work.

Jaya Prada sent out a press note denying that she ever tried suicide by swallowing sleeping pills. Did somebody say that a guilty conscience always bites?

"Mithun, the Indian Jackson" is the name of the new music album in which he has sung all the disco songs. That is not the end. They have also prepared the same on a video cassette, in which Mithun will jump, shake and dance to the tune of his own songs.

FAMILY DOCTOR  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## 'CALCIFICATION' NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

QUESTION: I hadn't had a good physical for years, but when I finally did, my chest X-ray showed a "calcification." My doctor said it was nothing to worry about, but I am still wondering what it was caused by. Will you help?

ANSWER: Your doctor is right, you really have nothing to worry about, and perhaps my answer will explain why. The chances are that many years ago, perhaps as a child, you were exposed to tuberculosis. But, as is the case in many of us, your body defenses were strong enough to fight off the invading infection, and you probably were never aware of the battle going on inside you.

However, a small part of your lung tissue was affected and was damaged by the infection. During the long healing process which followed, this tissue was filled with calcium salts, one of the body's healing mechanisms, and became visible to the probing rays of the X-ray machine. The calcification is a sign that you have a great body immunity against TB and will probably never contract the disease again. Now I am basing this upon the fact that your doctor recognised it. There may be other reasons for calcifications, but

they are not part of your case.

QUESTION: What does "10" have to do with pain control?

ANSWER: I think you're referring to TENS, or transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation. TENS is a pain-relief method that uses a small device to send crucial impulses to the nerves. No one knows exactly why TENS works, but one theory is that the electrical stimulation overloads the nerves and blocks the brain's ability to receive a sensation of pain. Another theory says the electrical stimulation makes the brain produce natural painkillers called endorphins.

Either way, TENS can provide relief for some people who suffer from severe back pain, arthritis or other conditions, but it doesn't work for everyone. The device — a small pack containing batteries and two or four electrodes — must be prescribed by a physician.

TENS takes time to get used to, and finding the right assortment and placement of electrodes for each individual also takes time. It may take up to six weeks of trial and error before an individual finds out whether TENS works.

QUESTION: After a long period in the water, my daughter's hands are full of wrinkles like a dried prune. I know it happens to everyone, but I wondered what caused it and if there is any danger.

ANSWER: Normally our skin is pretty waterproof, because its outer layers are covered with a material called keratin, a protein which normally sheds water. However, it only works up to a point and you can overdo a good thing, like a cool swim. After a while the water penetrates the keratin and the cells begin to suck up the water, becoming larger and fuller. When they become saturated, there is just too much skin for the area it is supposed to cover, and so it buckles into folds, and wrinkles. Fingertips are particularly sensitive to this, so you observe it there first, but it can happen to skin anywhere on the body if you stay immersed long enough. So, you're not dry like a prune, but just too wet!

Slow drying out of the skin permits it to regain its usual size, and everything returns to normal. And, no, there is no damage or danger to the skin from this whole process.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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## UK house prices drop

LONDON, Jan 6. (UPI): House prices in Britain are slowing down, to an even lower level than recent reports have suggested, said the country's third largest building society, nationwide Anglia in its latest British House Price bulletin yesterday.

The society pointed out that borrowers are now having to find nearly four times their annual income to buy the average house.

The last time the house price to income ratio was this high was in the early 1970s, when annual increases fell from 42 per cent to 4.5 per cent over three years.

The ebances of a similar collapse in 1988 are very small, the society said.

But it was expecting increases of no more than 1.5 per cent in the south-east of England and 10-12 per cent in the country as a whole.

This compared with 1987 figures of 23 per cent and 16 per cent.

There are already signs that the market is slowing down. Rises in the last quarter of 1987 were led by East-Anglia and London, where prices increased by three per cent. But even here, this compared with rises of 10 per cent and six per cent respectively in the quarter to September.

Elsewhere, the story was the same with house prices stable or even falling as the year ended.

Scotland, the West-Midlands and the North-West all recorded no change.

In Yorkshire and Humberside average prices fell by one per cent. And in Wales they fell by a full two per cent, the society said.

Prices paid at the end of 1987 ranged from an average of £80,000 (\$144,000) for a property in London to less than £30,000 (\$54,000) in Northern-England and Northern Ireland.

Putting this in perspective, in part of Northern-England it is possible to buy a large, new detached house for around £45,000 (\$81,000) — about two-thirds the cost of a two-bedroomed flat in Greater London, the society said.

## CBS completes sale of records operations to Sony Corp.

NEW YORK, Jan 6. (AP): CBS Inc. and Sooy Corp. said yesterday they had completed the previously disclosed sale of the CBS Records operations to the Japanese electronics giant for about \$2 billion.

Sony, based in Tokyo, said the records company will be operated as an independent, wholly-owned subsidiary under the name CBS Records Inc.

It is the world's largest records concern with 10,000 employees worldwide, manufacturing facilities in 14 countries, subsidiary record companies in 36 countries and a direct mail unit that includes a record club.

CBS Records will remain housed in the CBS corporate headquarters building in New York under a multi-year lease, according to CBS Records spokesman Robert Altshuler.

CBS and Sony announced Nov 19 that they had agreed on the deal, which involved one of CBS's core businesses. CBS's main interest is broadcasting.

Sony announced on Dec 23 that it had secured the necessary government approvals for the transaction.

Sony said it would get a third of the purchase amount from its own funds and the remainder would be financed through domestic and foreign financial institutions.

The records business posted an operating profit of \$162 million on worldwide sales of \$1.49 billion in 1986, accounting for 37 per cent of CBS's operating profit and 31 per cent of its total revenue.

## Bank boosts housing loans

THE Chairman of Kuwait's Savings and Credit Bank Yousef Al Houti said that the amount of loans given by the bank to citizens for building their own houses had increased during 1987 compared to the amount given the previous year.

He said that these loans had increased after the distribution of land allotments by the National Housing Authority and that the bank had reconsidered loan charters for real estate in keeping with new developments in the real estate market. He added that the bank had discontinued loaning for agricultural projects and that these loans would now be given by the Industrial Bank.

## G-7 pledges to raise their profile in the markets

## Fed seeks to show its commitment to dollar

NEW YORK, Jan 6. (Reuters): The usually secretive US Federal Reserve has become more active and visible in foreign exchange markets, emerging with greater frequency to buy dollars and underline its commitment to a stable US currency, dealers say.

The Fed is not believed to have purchased anywhere near the \$1 billion that the Bank of Japan was said to have bought on Monday alone.

But dealers say the tone of its intervention has grown more aggressive. Yesterday, for instance, the Fed was said to have bought dollars at 1.6130 West German marks as the US currency was coming up from below 1.6100 marks.

The West German, Swiss, Austrian, Italian and Canadian central banks also intervened on the dollar's behalf this week. The Bank of Japan was in the market again after Monday's foray.

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### Dismissed

Up to this week, the foreign exchange market had dismissed Fed buying as too paltry to count. Some dealers said it was trying to smooth, rather than arrest the dollar's drop.

Speculators must take care on days when the central banks are active because they may get burned if sudden intervention seeds a currency in the opposite direction to the one in which they had decided it was moving.

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### Alarmed

Dealers said the Group of Seven industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, Canada, France and Italy — were probably alarmed that the markets took their December 22 pledge to strive for currency stability so lightly, and decided to raise their profile in the markets.

Japan has been the chief exponent of vocal intervention, reinforcing its market operations with official comments. Now other G-7 members have joined in the public relations exercise.

French Finance Minister Edouard Balladur alluded on

Monday to 'secret' clauses in the latest G-7 pact, and West Germany's Bundesbank has begun to confirm its purchases quickly.

Still, while the central banks may have succeeded in bolstering the dollar for now, dealers say the rally may be short-lived for fundamental economic reasons, namely the huge US trade and budget deficits — factors which have weighed heavily on the dollar for the past two years.

If US November trade figures due out on January 15 show no substantial improvement from October's record \$17.63 billion shortfall, the dollar may slump again.

The consensus is building that the dollar will move up in the short term. But a very negative trade number will be hard to swallow. The dollar does not have enough resiliency to resist that. It's still fragile," a dealer said.

## US budget to beat deficit ceiling

WASHINGTON, Jan 6. (Reuters): The 1989 federal budget being prepared by President Reagan will meet or beat a deficit ceiling fixed by law at \$1.36 billion and calls for a significant increase in government spending to combat Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

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## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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NAME	LAST	LAPORTE	420/0
ABBEY LFE	252/0	LEGAL+GEN	280.0
ALD LYONS	358.0	LLOYDS, BK	250/0
ANSTRAD	120/0	LONRHA	255.0
ARGYLL GP	193/0	LUCAS IND	578.0
ASDA NFI	167.0	MAGNET	208/0
A B FOODS	295/0	MARKS+SP	176.0
BAA PP	98.0	MAXWELL C	247/0
BTR	283/0	METAL BOX	212/0
BAT IND5	468/0	MEPC	457/0
BARCLAYS	500.0	MIDLAND BK	383/0
BASS	830.0	MEXT	280/4
BEAVER	177/0	MTH FOODS	260.0
BEECHAMS	470/0	MARLI PLC	152/0
BET ORD	233/0	MICL PLC	505/0
BTCC PLC	345/0	MICL TRUS	108/0
BLU ARR	105.0	PEARSON	710/0
BLUE CIRC	442/0	PILKINGTON	238/0
BOC GP	425/0	PLESSEY	160/0
BOOTS CO	238/0	PRUDENTIAL	865/0
BPP IND5	270.0	RACAL	234.0
BR COMM	335.0	RANGE RVIS	323/0
BR AIRWAY	155/0	RANSTRONG	158/0
BR AEROSP	340.0	RCKIY+CO	805/0
BR GAS PP	53.13	REDLAND	422/0
B.P.	266.0	REED	418/0
B.P. NEW	77.0	RYL BK SC	350/0
BR TELCO	224.0	RUMBLEY	252/0
BRITOLI	45.94	SCOT-NEW	338/0
BUNZL	183.0	RT2 CORP	365.0
BURMAN OL	45/0	ROLLS ROY	128/0
BURTON	227/0	ROTHMAN B	378.0
CABLE&WIR	362/0	ROYAL INS	420/0
CADBURY	255/0	RUMBLEY	420/0
COATS VIY	270/0	SAATCHI	447.0
COM UNI	349.0	SAINSBURY	251.0
CONS GOLD	920/0	SCOT-NEW	212/0
COURTAULD	358/0	SEAGULL	228/0
DEE CP	208/0	SEALINE	244/0
DIXONS	200/0	STORENSE	244.5
ENG CHINA	420/0	STUARTE	316/0
ENTER OIL	273/0	SUN ALLIA	867.5
FERRANTI	88.5	TARMAC	243.0
FISONS	263/0	TATEALEY	808.0
GEN ACCID	843/0	TESSCO	160/0
GEN ELEC	164.0	THORN ENI	560/0
GLAXO	028/0	TRAF HSE	322.0
GRANADA	310/0	Y + II	186/0
GLOBE	140/0	TRUSTHSE	230.0
GRAND MET	462/0	TRUSTHSE	174/0
GUS A	105/0	ULTRAMAR	190/0
GUARD RYL	845/0	UNILEVER	492.5
GKI	295.0	URGATE	285.0
GUINNESS	99.29	UTD BSC	274.0
HAMMERS A	530/0	UTD NSMP	450/0
HANSON	138.0	WELLCOME	384.0
HAKER SID	472/0	WHTBD IN	288/0
HAMLEY	96/0	WILLIS FB	235/0
HILLSDOWN	283/0	WOLWORTH	245/0
		WRIXTON E	245/0
		WRIXTON E	246/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1438.0	1437.1	1402.0	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1000.5	977.7	957.6
FT ALL 5HR	0	907.74	886.50	870.22
FT GOV SEC	87.76	88.37	88.47	88.49
FT GOLD MN	299.3	295.9	298.29	302.1
FT HINES F	0	446.97	447.70	450.65
FT OIL	114.40	114.79	115.04	115.04
FT WLD STG	92.69	90.72	90.79	90.79
FT WLD LOC	100.87	99.37	99.08	99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS BELOW HIGHS AS WALL STREET FALTERS  
LONDON, JAN 6 - SHARES REMAINED FIRMLY TRADE IN THE DAY SEEN AROUND MIDDAY WHEN THE FTSE 100 INDEX BROKE THROUGH 1,800, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WORLD STOCK MARKET CRASH LAST OCTOBER, DEALERS SAID.

AN UNCERTAIN OPENING ON WALL STREET WAS CITED AS THE MAIN CAUSE OF THIS AFTERNOON'S EASING, WITH THIS BEING ATTRIBUTED TO THE DOLLAR'S NERVOUS FLUCTUATIONS AFTER TWO DAYS OF GAINS BASED ON CONCERNED CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION.

VOLUME WAS HIGH, BUT DEALERS POINTED OUT THAT OF THE 486 HLM SHARES TRADED BY 1500 GMT OVER 125 MILN WERE IN OLD AND NEW BP. AT 1530, THE FTSE WAS 12.9 POINTS UP AT 1,802.5.

EARLIER, DEALERS HAD ATTRIBUTED TODAY'S GAINS MOSTLY TO THE EARLY STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR, WHICH PREDICTABLY HELPED THE STOCKS OF LARGE U.K. DOLLAR-EARNING COMPANIES.

BP NEW SHARES GAINED A NET 4-1/2P TO 76-1/2 AFTER A HIGH OF 78. THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S 70P PER SHARE SUPPORT SCHEME EXPIRED AT 1500 GMT BUT THIS HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THE SHARES WHICH ONLY WEAKENED IN LINE WITH THE REST OF THE MARKET, DEALERS SAID.

ANALYSTS SAY THE BANK'S SUPPORT AND ACTIVE BUYING BY KUWAIT HAVE UNDERPINNED THE PRICE OF THE PARY-PAID SHARES, BUT A RISE IN THE EXISTING SHARES TO 267 FROM 263 TODAY ALSO DISCOURAGED LATE SELLING.

## London Gold

LONDON, JAN 6 - GOLD BULLION CLOSED SOME 6-1/2 DLRS ABOVE TUESDAY'S LONDON CLOSE AT 484.50/485.00 DLRS AN OUNCE AND NEAR THE DAY'S HIGH, WITH PROFESSIONAL SHORT COVERING TAKING YHE METAL HIGHER, DEALERS SAID.

TRADE BUYING WAS ALSO EVIDENT ON THE LATE RISE AFTER THE DEALERS HAD GONE SHORT IN EARLY AFTERNOON TRADING AS THE DOLLAR FIRMED FURTHER, THEY ADDED.

GOLD FIRMED INITIALLY FOLLOWING AN OVERNIGHT RALLY IN U.S. SILVER FUTURES AND WAS LATER SET AT 481.60 AND 481.40 DLRS AT THE RESPECTIVE FIXING SESSIONS AFTER TUESDAY'S CLOSE OF 478.00/478.50 DLRS.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 6 - MONEY RATES ENDED WITH A FIRMER BIAS BUT TRADING LACKED CONVICTION AND THE NEAR-TERM OUTLOOK FOR BASE RATES HAS BECOME NO CLEARER, DEALERS SAID.

"WE'RE ALL A BIT FLUMMOXED," ONE BROKER SAID. "THE MARKET'S GOING NOWHERE AT ALL."

LONGER TERM RATES MOVED UP AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AS SPECULATION THAT DOMESTIC ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WOULD FORCE A TIGHTENING OF MONETARY CONDITIONS SLOW IN 1988.

SHORTER RATES WERE HELD BACK BY UNCERTAINTIES OVER THE DOLLAR AND THE AUTHORITIES' NEED TO CALM FINANCIAL MARKETS AND SOME OPERATORS STILL FEEL THE NEXT RATE MOVEMENT WILL BE DOWN.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DNK	FFR
1.8035/50	1.7990/00	1.6550/60	5.5960/90
		2.9695/9755	10.0280/0545
1.6420/6500	2.968/982	29.520/680	
5.572/586	10.073/091	337.7/338.3	FIX
SFR 1.3368/3378	2.4213/4245	81.43/54	24.12/15
IFI 1.8560	3.3455	112.415	33.265
ECU 1.24724	0.693488	2.0650	6.98079
SDR 1.39746	0.755792	2.25382	7.61825
YEN 128.25/35	232.83/232.25		
	05/01/88	OTHERS	06/01/1988

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
A.B. ELECT	383/0	385/0
APV PLC	133/0	133/0
ARRONSON	114/0	116/0
CAP. RADIO	162/0	163/0
CARADON	265/0	267/0
CARLTON	670/0	670/0
CARLTON	109/0	109/0
CATER ALL	345/0	340/0
CENTL. GSE	470/0	458/0
CHARTER	318/0	318/0
CHARTER	26/0	26/0
CHARTER	62/0	62/0
CHRISTIES	468/0	465/0
CHAS. CHUR	119/0	119/0
U-CIFER	19/0	20/0
CLIFFE PET	115/0	115/0
COLLIOTE	324/0	323/0
COURTS A	56/0	56/0
COLLINS W	595/0	590/0
COLLINS A	40/0	45/0
COLTRON	281/0	277/0
COLOROLL	240/0	239/0
COSTANCE	284/0	282/0
COURTS A	163/0	165/0
COURTS B	163/0	165/0
COURTS C	163/0	165/0
COURTS D	163/0	165/0
COURTS E	163/0	165/0
COURTS F	163/0	165/0
COURTS G	163/0	165/0
COURTS H	163/0	165/0
COURTS I	163/0	165/0
COURTS J	163/0	165/0
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COURTS R	163/0	165/0
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COURTS T	163/0	165/0
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COURTS Z	163/0	165/0
COURTS A	163/0	165/0
COURTS B	163/0	165/0
COURTS C	16	



# Call to enforce major economic reforms

THE function of the Kuwait Stock Market and its performance cannot be considered a yardstick for the performance of the Kuwaiti economy, according to the Al Shall annual report on the functioning of the Kuwait Stock Market in 1987.

The report said that the stock market in Kuwait was affected by the general policy and, more importantly, by the situation of public finance.

The report added that in order to mirror the true performance of the Kuwaiti economy, companies whose shares were traded in the stock market must be more closely involved in the local economy and this could take place only when the economy had long term development goals.

## Gradually

It pointed out that some major economic reforms should be enforced gradually, and temporarily, the example of good companies could be followed by others to improve their performance.

About the movement of Kuwaiti shares in the stock market during the past year, the report said that the indicator of Kuwaiti shares by the end of 1986 was at 38.85 points, an increase of 12.62 points over 1985. The indicator reached its peak on April 8 when it went up to 47.24 points. This was attributed mainly to splitting of Kuwaiti companies' shares and allowing Kuwaiti companies to purchase 10 per cent of their shares, coupled with a government expansionary financial and monetary policy.

But it again dropped to its lowest level of 38.74 points on Nov 25, just one month after the world stock market crash, going down by over 7.5 per cent of its value before the crash.

The report predicted that during 1988

dealers will continue to be selective about the shares they buy. But 1988 will be more difficult than 1987 regarding the level of trading and activity in the stock market because of the unavailability of more expansionary financial and monetary policies.

There is no scope for more splitting of shares, but some companies may use their right of purchasing ten per cent of their shares and this will have a temporary positive effect on their prices.

To meet the drop in activity in the stock market, the government allowed the commercial banks to distribute profits to shareholders.

The report said that trading in treasury bills and bonds may adversely affect trading in shares. But it predicted that trading will pick up, although temporarily, when the GCC citizens will be allowed to buy and sell shares in Kuwaiti companies.

The report predicted that 1988 will be of less importance to the Gulf companies as many more companies are expected to change into purely Kuwaiti companies.

The market will be positively affected by the return of some capital to Kuwait by the overseas markets if the state of uncertainty continues.

But the report predicted that if this takes place, it will not happen before the second half of this year, provided that tension does not increase in the Iraq-Iran war.

## Positive

It predicted a great positive effect if a major solution was arrived at in the Iran-Iraq war and this will be clearer in the commercial and contracting sectors.

The report stressed that in overall performance, the Kuwaiti stock market will be less active this year than it was last

year.

About oil prospects, the report said that the oil revenues have been and will remain the main source of income.

It said that its importance has been further increased after the Oct 19 crash in the major world stock markets. But oil prices were under heavy pressure at the end of last year and this made them lose about 25 per cent in value compared with the highest price reached in the first half of last year.

## Pressures

What added weight to these pressures was the inter-Opec disputes and their non-commitment to oil production and prices.

The report predicted weaker oil prices and production during this year, partly because of Opec's non-commitment and because of the drop in the demand for more oil by industrialised countries, and thirdly because of the drop in the exchange rate of US dollar.

About public finance in Kuwait, the report said that despite the improvement in the conditions of public finance during 1987 compared to the previous years, the finance policy was still unable to react positively with the drop in public revenues as a reality.

The report called for changing the present accounting method to include all types of revenues including that of Kuwaiti overseas investments and all the public expenditures, to identify the real deficit in the budget.

The report said that although the government step to borrow from the market was correct in principle, it was wrong in its timing and priority. It should have come after a detailed study of the structure of expenditures and after drawing a taxation policy as a companion for oil and investment revenues.

The Shall index was 41.81 points on Dec 13, and rose to 2.96 points from its level at the end of 1986 or by 7.6 per cent.

About Gulf companies' shares, the report said that the Shall index for them was 46.25 points by the end of 1986, but during 1987 it went down to its lowest level of 42.89 points on Aug 12.

It recorded its highest level of 51.51 points, in three years on Oct 7. On Dec 31, 1987 it closed at 50.6 points an increase of 4.35 points or 9.41 per cent from its level at the end of 1986.

## Essential

The report said that this analysis, supported by the previous year's analysis, shows that essential solutions for the problems facing companies gave better returns on its market prices than formal solutions.

The report added that the analysis shows that the Gulf companies performed better than Kuwaiti companies, simply because of strict scrutiny and formation of almost no new Gulf companies. This happened although some good Gulf companies left the stock market.

About the main events that took place in 1987 and affected the Stock Exchange, the report said that the first was the splitting of Kuwaiti company shares and allowing these companies to buy 10 per cent of their shares. This led to a temporary sharp increase in share prices, but this subsided shortly.

## Preferring

The second main event was a change in the attitude of dealers who began preferring shares of some companies.

The local commercial banks' index almost kept its level — an increase of just two per cent from 1986 to 1987. Most banks lost many points on their index but the index of the National Bank, Kuwait

Finance House and the Real Estate Bank rose by 35, 80 and 31 per cent respectively and this kept the banks' index constant.

The index of investment companies rose by 35 per cent, and that of insurance companies by 34 per cent, while the index of the real estate companies fell by 1 per cent.

The index of industrial companies gained 44 per cent, of services companies 15 per cent, while the index of foodstuff companies went down by 10 per cent.

Financial companies' index gained 16 per cent, and that of other companies lost 51 per cent.

## Impact

The third major event of 1987 was the crash in the world stock market and the drop in the major world indices. This had little direct impact on the Kuwaiti stock market, but left some indirect results like psychological influence and financial influence on Kuwaiti companies having investments abroad.

The fourth and last major event during last year, was the government's decision to borrow from the local market in order to meet the budget deficit by issuing treasury bills and bonds.

The law concerning this issue allowed the government to borrow K.D.1.4 billion in the next 10 years. The government already started issuing the bonds and bills, and between Nov 25 and Dec 16, the government introduced three issues valued at K.D.628 million which is 45 per cent of the total amount to be borrowed in 10 years.

## Went up

The report concluded by saying that despite all events, the market value of the Kuwaiti shares went up by K.D.500 million in 1987 compared to its value by the end of 1986.

# Indonesia pledges no rescheduling of debts

ing and repayments — two billion more than last year.

The measure gobbles up 36 per cent of the entire budget of \$17 billion of debt taken out in the oil-boom years of the 1970s to finance big capital projects is coming due.

This has been thrown into focus by the new budget, which business commentator and member of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party Kwik Kian Gie said was like a flashing red warning light to the government.

Finance Minister Radius Prawiro ruled out rescheduling — renegotiating the terms and conditions on old loans to get better terms — as an option, saying it would only hurt the private sector as bankers shut down lending.

"Once you decide to reschedule the inflow (into Indonesia) anymore, as in the case of Latin America," he told foreign journalists at a briefing.

Indonesia two weeks ago served notice on the troubled oil organisation that it will not be bound by Opec's latest price and production agreement if other members cheat.

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# Kuwait to step up trade ties with Egypt

CAIRO, Jan 6. (Reuters): Kuwait's Finance Minister Jasem Mohammed Al Khorafi said today after talks with President Hosni Mubarak that his country wanted to boost economic ties with Egypt.

"The aim of my discussions here is to increase investments and remove any negative aspects hindering them," he told reporters after the meeting with Mubarak. He said their talks focused on improving economic cooperation.

**Tour**

Mubarak visits Kuwait on January 11 as part of a tour of all six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states.

It will be his first trip to the region since GCC states resumed diplomatic ties with Cairo after the Arab League summit in Amman in November.

Egyptian Health Minister Raghib Dwidar said Kuwait had agreed to loan Egypt 10 million dinars (\$35 million) to help develop its pharmaceutical industry.

He said the loan was repayable over 15 years with a five-year grace period at interest of 3.5 per cent, the Middle East News Agency reported.

Khorafi conferred for the



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (left) pictured with Kuwait Finance Minister Jasem Al Khorafi in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

second time today with Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sidiqi on promoting cooperation between the two countries in investment areas, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

The meeting was attended by the delegation accompanying Khorafi and Egypt's Finance Minister Mohammed Al Razaz and State Minister for International Cooperation Muarice Makramallah, Mena said.

The Egyptian finance minister described Khorafi's visit as important and hoped its positive results will become tangible soon.

# US gives South Korea 3-week deadline on imports

SEOUL, South Korea, Jan 6. (API): The United States has given South Korea three weeks to open its markets to more than 100 American agricultural products, according to a report today.

Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, quoted unidentified sources as saying the United States gave the deadline as a condition for allowing South Korea to postpone lifting a ban on American beef imports.

US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter and South Korean Deputy Prime Minister Chung In-Young held talks in Washington this week on US demands for greater access to Korean domestic markets.

## Asked

The South Korean government had asked for postponement of lifting the beef import ban until after legislative elections, which will be held by April, the Yonhap report said.

The ruling Democratic Justice Party is fearful of angering farmers and other rural voters before the election. Farmers have protested against plans to increase US agricultural

imports.

US officials responded by demanding that South Korea agree within three weeks to open its market to US imports of such products as frozen potatoes. They also demanded the South Korean government lower the price on imported American cigarettes and allow American insurance companies more business opportunities.

The South Korean delegation returned home early to convey the US demands to their government, the report said.

South Korea has limited or banned many American agricultural products to protect its own agricultural sector. The United States is now pressing for free access to Korean domestic markets.

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# PDO to begin offshore exploration

MUSCAT, Jan 6. (AP): Petroleum Development Oman, the main oil producer in this country, will shortly begin offshore exploration for the first time, oil industry sources said today.

A seismic survey off the south Oman coast will start early this year, following the signing in October of a new concession agreement giving the company 10,000 square miles (26,000 square km) of the Arabian sea, according to a PDO spokesman.

At the same time, the company acquired an extra 19,000 square miles (49,400 square km) of concession onshore in Dhofar, Oman's southern province. The concession, relinquished by British Petroleum, brings PDO's total acreage to 84,180 square miles (218,868 square km).

**Offshore**

The new offshore acreage is in three separate blocks — off Salalah, near the Kuria Muria Islands, and just south of Masirah Island off the east coast of Oman, according to PDO.

"The New Year brings a big challenge for PDO with our first foray into offshore exploration," the spokesman said.

The Omani government, which derives 80 per cent of its state revenue from oil, has a 60 per cent stake in PDO which produces more than 90 per cent of Oman's oil.

An offshore oil discovery was recently made by a Canadian company, International Petroleum Corporation, also known as the Lundin Group, according to government sources.

The field was found in IPC's concession area off the west coast of the Musandam peninsula. Reserves are currently being evaluated.

"Should they prove positive, production could start next year," said one of the source.

## Gold rises

# Dollar soars as nervous rally goes on

LONDON, Jan 6. (Reuters): The dollar soared today extending a New Year rally on the basis of yet another report about a secret pact to defend it by major industrial nations, but some dealers worried the rebound might have been overdone.

"It's very disorderly," a New York dealer said. "There's a sense of panic out there." Gold prices rose.

Wall Street shares slipped, with the Dow Jones industrial average down eight at 2,024 by midday in New York, after being helped by the dollar's recovery yesterday.

## Uncertain

London's blue-chip FTSE 100-share index breached 1,800 for the first time since the market crash in October, then eased to close slightly below yesterday's finish because of the uncertain mood on Wall Street.

But Tokyo, the biggest stock market, posted its second strongest gain ever — up 5.6 per cent after the government said it would probably relax accounting rules for big investors.

A report by Japan's NHK network that the United States, West Germany and Japan secretly agreed last month to try keeping the dollar above 130 yen led to brisk dollar buying in Europe.

The dollar jumped four pence and nearly five yen to highs of 1.67 West German marks and 131.6 yen and then steadied to close in Europe at





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## Merle wins World Cup giant slalom

TIGNES, France, Jan 6. (AP): Carol Merle of France overcame a very strong competition to win the women's World Cup giant slalom edging out Maria Walliser of Switzerland by 0.66 seconds after both her runs here today.

Blanca Fernandez Ochoa of Spain took the third position while Catherine Quintet of France finished fourth.

Merle, who broke an ankle last year and just returned to racing last December, is a 23-year-old from Sautz. After a third on the first run, she had the second best time on the second run.

"Today's race was more difficult than yesterday," Merle said. "I couldn't see very well. I expected to come in third again."

Walliser, the two-time World Cup overall, was seventh in the morning then came back in the afternoon with the third-best clocking.

Fernandez Ochoa had only the 12th best time in the afternoon, also complaining about the weather, which was cold, cloudy and windy on a course that dropped 340 metres.

"The visibility wasn't too good on the top part. I wasn't very good on the flat section. Then I made some mistakes on the bottom and almost fell," Fernandez Ochoa said.

**Revival**

The Spanish skier just edged out Quintet for third.

Quintet, the leader of the French skiing revival and took the lead in the giant slalom standing with 57 points, just a point ahead of Vreni Schneider of Switzerland.

Schneider, who won yesterday's race, came in fifth with a time of 2:28.90. Austrians Sigrid Wolf and Anita Wachter followed in sixth and seventh.

Wachter has the top time in the second heat after a 15th in the morning run.

Wachter and Fernandez Ochoa are tied for second in the overall season standings behind Quintet with 90 points.

The next race for the women is a super-G set for Saturday in Lech Am Arlberg, Austria, a replacement for a race cancelled in Fliegen, West Germany.

## Scotland name squad for Five Nations

EDINBURGH, Jan 6. (Reuter): Scotland have named one new cap, second-row forward Damian Cronin, and have surprisingly recalled Roger Baird on the left wing for the Five Nations Rugby Union match against Ireland in Dublin on January 16.

Baird, who has not scored a try in his previous 26 internationals, was preferred to Lindsay Renwick, scorer of two tries in the final Scottish trial, and Iwan Tukalo, who performed well in last year's World Cup.

Eight players survive from 30-3 defeat by New Zealand in the World Cup quarterfinals in Christchurch last June.

They include scrum-half Roy Laird, now 34, who will be making his 44th appearance for Scotland — but not alongside his regular half-back partner John Rutherford.

**Injury**

Rutherford is one of our experienced players — the others being Keith Robertson, Iain Milne and Douglas Wyllie — who were not considered for the game because of injury.

Richard Cramb, who played for England's under-23 team before opting to represent the country of his birth, will take Rutherford's place at fly-half, winning his second cap. His previous appearance was in the 55-28 hammering of Romania in the World Cup after being summoned from a club tour of Australia to replace the injured Rutherford.

Gary Callander takes over as captain and Hooker from the recently-retired Colin Deans.

**Team:**

Gavin Hastings Matt Duncan, Alan Tait, Scott Hastings, Roger Baird, Richard Cramb, Roy Laird, Iain Paxton, Finlay Calder, Derek White, Damian Cronin, John Jeffrey, David Sole, Gary Callander, Norrie Rowan.

## Zagreb edge past United

MANCHESTER, England, Jan 6. (AP): Cibona Zagreb of Yugoslavia defeated Manchester United 99-93 last night in a European Cup quarterfinals basketball match.

Dragan Petrovic, Cibona's international star, was the team's best performer with 25 points.

The Yugoslavs eliminated the financially ailing Manchester team from the competition.

United had to go into the match without both its Americans, Jim Dolan and Perry Bromwell, who were ineligible, and with naturalised Briton Alan Byrd not fully fit due to a pelvic injury.

## HAWKS OUTCLASS PISTONS

# Bullets snap losing streak



San Antonio's David Greenwood (right) goes for a rebound while Golden State's Rod Higgins looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Baker set to win KNDC

By Gail Seery

THE 1987/88 Kart Club season continues at Ahmadi tomorrow, with the second round of the Ahmadi Challenge Cup (ACC), which can be expected to be a strongly-contested competition. The first round was the Enduro event on December 11, and was won by novice driver Eric Andrews. This was something of a surprise, as it was the first race at Ahmadi this season which was not won by last year's champion, Rob Baker.

**Consists**

The karting season consists of two distinct challenges, the Kuwait National Drivers Championship (KNDC) and the ACC, as well as an International event, scheduled for February 25/26. The KNDC consists of seven rounds, and the ACC is raced over four rounds — both were won by Rob Baker last year.

There have been four KNDC races to date, and each was won convincingly by Rob Baker who now holds 36 points, and a comfortable lead. Next is Jeff Butt



Baker: defending champion with 18 points. If Butt was to win all the remaining rounds, Baker could afford to finish in fourth place each time and still draw. If third-placed Fulcher, currently with 14 points, finished each remaining race in first position, Baker could afford to finish fifth in all three rounds and still claim the title. The best six out of seven

points are counted; Butt failed to get points from the second round, giving Baker an added advantage, as he would be able to drop a disappointing result.

If Baker continues on form and wins the next round of the KNDC to be held on January 22, he will certainly have won the championship title for the second year running.

In the ACC on the other hand, the result is by no means settled yet. As the points stand at present, Andrews leads Butt, with Baker back in an unaccustomed third place.

**Move**

Although Jeff Pollitt finished the Enduro in second place, he is not racing in the rest of the ACC and the other drivers move up one place in the Challenge accordingly.

Racing starts at 1.30 pm at the KOC sponsored Ahmadi Kart track, and spectators are welcome. For those who would like to become more actively involved with the club, events include the opportunity to try out a fun kart between heats.

**Berwick opts for judge**

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Jan 6. (Reuter): Former heavyweight champion Trevor Berwick elected trial by judge in county court yesterday on a charge of sexual assault.

Provincial court judge Hughes Randall adjourned the case until today to set a date for a preliminary hearing, a court official said.

Berwick, 35, a Jamaican-born Canadian, briefly held the World

## Former basketball star dies

PASADENA, California, Jan 6. (Reuter): "Pistol" Pete Maravich, the basketball sensation who rewrote college record books, died yesterday of a heart attack while playing a game with friends at a local church. He was 40 years old.

Maravich was known for an eccentric style that was often described as basketball genius.

At Louisiana State University

in Baton Rouge between 1967 and 1970 Maravich racked up an average of 44.2 points per game, higher than any other US college player in history. The 3,667 points he scored in his college career set a National Collegiate Athletic Association record.

After college, Maravich spent 10 years in the National Basketball Association in Atlanta, New Orleans, Utah and Boston.

King said Calgary is amply prepared for the arrival of some 2,600 athletes from 59 countries.

## Tyson signs to fight six times for \$26.5m

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Jan 6. (Reuter): Undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will be paid \$26.5 million for defending his title six times in the next 12 months, co-manager Bill Cayton said yesterday.

Cayton said American cable television network Home Box Office (HBO) will put up the money for the fights, beginning with Tyson's defense on January 22 in Atlantic City against former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

**Tentative**

Cayton emphasised that with the exception of the Holmes' fight, all dates and opponents are tentative.

He said Tyson's second defense under the deal is tentatively set against fellow-American Tony Tubbs on March 21 in Tokyo.

The third bout is tentatively scheduled against Brian Frank Bruno in London on June 4 or 11th. A fourth defense is being considered against Francesco Damiani in Milan in early September.

The other two opponents in the series, dependent upon Tyson (31-0) remaining undefeated, have not been decided, Cayton said.

So far Tyson's fight plans do



Boxing promoter Don King holds the arms of Tyson (right) and Holmes at a press conference last month. It was at this conference that Tyson refused to shake hands with Holmes.

long-standing feud with Spinks' promoter Butch Lewis.

"We are ready to fight Spinks if he comes to fight without Butch Lewis as promoter or co-promoter," Cayton said. "If Lewis is ready to vacate his ego, we are ready to work out a fight with Spinks in June. Bruno is not

firm," said Cayton.

Holmes, 48-2, was expected to appear at yesterday's conference, but the 38-year-old challenger stayed at his training camp in nearby Easton, Pennsylvania.

By telephone a Holmes' spokesman read a statement from the

Arab Times

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## Sirch leads East German medal sweep

ADELAIDE, Jan 6. (Reuter): Cornelia Sirch, with victories in the women's 50 metres backstroke and 800 metres freestyle, led another East German sweep of the medals on the second day of the second International Swimming Meeting today.

The East Germans won seven of the 10 events on the programme with Raik Hanemann being named swimmer of the session for his explosive win in the 200 metres individual medley.

**Ahead**

Hannemann clocked two minutes 4.11 seconds, over two seconds ahead of West German Peter Bemmel in second place and under two seconds outside the Australian all-comers record. Australia's Rob Woodhouse was third.

Other East German winners were Dirk Richter in the men's 200 metres backstroke, Joerg Wnthe in the men's 50 metres freestyle, Silke Hoerner in the women's 100 metres breaststroke and Heike Friedrich in the women's 200 metres freestyle.

As Tamara Costache of Romania won the women's 50 metres freestyle, the only crumb of comfort for the home fans came with David Wilson's win in the 200 metres butterfly ahead of Denmark's Bennie Nielsen.

Wilson charged to the front over the final length to clock 2:01.94. The Victorian was happy with his win as it came straight after a tough four months of training.

"I don't have a lot of speed at the moment but it's always good to beat other swimmers who are ranked so high," he said.

**Conflict**

However, pleasure at Wilson's performance was tinged with disappointment at the failure of Olympic champion Jon Sieben, once again in conflict with the sport's administrators, to make the final of the 200 metres butterfly.

After two days of competition in both Perth and Adelaide the three-meet series winds up with a final two days in Canberra on Friday and Saturday.



Vatanen poses in front of his Peugeot.

## 150 entries drop out after failing to meet deadline in Paris-Dakar Rally

BORDJ J OMAR LDRRISS, Algeria, Jan 6. (Reuter): One-quarter of the 602 cars, motorcycles and trucks which started the Paris-Dakar Rally have dropped out after just two days of competitive special stages, organisers said yesterday.

**Cliff Livington**

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**Bucks 98, Clippers 82**

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**Warriors 129, Spurs 119**

Terry Teague came off the bench to score 28 points to help the Golden State Warriors post only their fifth victory of the season with a 129-119 triumph over the San Antonio Spurs. San Antonio's road record fell to 2-13 despite a 35-point performance by Alvin Robertson.

**Blazers 126, Sonics 114**

Terry Porter scored a career-high 31 points, leading the Portland Trail Blazers to a 126-114 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Dale Ellis led the Sonics with 32 points.

**Knicks 100, Suns 95**

Walter Davis scored seven of his 22 points in the final 3:38, including the go-ahead basket with 1:17 left, to lead the Phoenix Suns to a 100-95 victory over the New York Knicks. Sidney Green paced New York with 17 points and 18 rebounds, both season highs.

**Bulls 81, Pacers 77**

Michael Jordan scored 31 points and Chicago's stifling defense turned back the poor

it was aimed at knocking out the weakest one-third of the entrants.

Yesterday's 287-km special stage saw no change at the top of the standings.

Last year's winner Ari Vatanen of Finland, in a Peugeot, retained first place overall, with Frenchman Pierre Larigaud second in his Mitsubishi and Patrick Zamith third in a Range Rover.

Individual times were not recorded on the route to Bordj J Omair L Driess but penalties were imposed if competitors failed to complete the section within the three-hour limit.

Former Formula One driver Jacky Ickx of Belgium crashed spectacularly out of the race when he rolled his Lada during yesterday's stage and a compatriot, second-placed motorcycle Guy Huynen, broke both legs in an accident.

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The statement was issued in response to complaints from competitors that the first stage, from El Oued to Hassi Massoud, was too difficult. Organisers say

**Curtis takes first place**

MELBOURNE, Jan 6. (Reuter): David Curtis won a close-fought battle with fellow-American John Kostecki to take the first race in the World Sailing Championship today.

**Favourite**

Australian Bobby Wilmot in Square Gold was one minute 32 seconds behind in third place.

In southerly winds of 14 knots and on a slight swell, Curtis recovered from a bad start to take the lead after the first beat, a lead he never lost.

**IAAF to ask Soviets to look into drug claim**

LONDON, Jan 6. (Reuter): The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) will ask the Soviet Union to investigate a claim that a Soviet Olympic champion gave advice to British athletes on taking drugs, the federation said today.

"It is our duty to inform the Russian athletics federation of the claim and ask if there is any substance in it," IAAF secretary John Holt said.

British hammer thrower Martin Girvan claimed in a newspaper interview this week that Yuri Sedykh, the Olympic hammer champion in 1976

## SPORTS

**Fifa fines and warns Iraqi team**

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan 6, (AP): The Iraq Soccer Association has been fined 20,000 Swiss francs (\$15,000) after its team tried to attack the referee of an Olympic qualifying match against Kuwait last month, the world soccer authority Fifa said today.

A Fifa committee also warned Iraq it will be barred from the Olympic preliminary tournament if similar events occur in the future.

After the end of the Dec 18 game, which host Kuwait won 2-1, security guards had to protect referee Nasasden Chandra of Singapore from physical attack by Iraqi team members, Fifa said.

**Submitted**

An investigation is to determine those responsible for the incident and the case will then be submitted to Fifa's executive committee for possible further action.

Iraq is Kuwait's main rival in the final round of the West Asia qualifying group, whose winner qualifies for the Olympics later this year. Kuwait currently leads with six points in four games while Iraq has four points from four games. Saudi Arabia and Qatar, the other group members, have three points each.

**SPORTS BRIEFS****Jahangir wins**

ST HELIER, Jersey, Jan 6, (Reuter): Results of quarterfinal matches in the Jersey International Squash Championship yesterday. Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat Geoff Williams (Britain) 9-2 9-5 9-1. Tristan Nancarrow (Australia) beat Phil Kenyon (Britain) 9-5 9-5 10-8. Ross Norman (New Zealand) beat Gwaih Briars (Britain) 10-9 9-3 7-9 5-9. Neil Harvey (Britain) beat Kelvin Smith (Australia) 9-7 9-19 4-4.

**Kenyan runner**

SAN VITTORE OLONA, Italy, Jan 6, (AP): Kenyan runner Paul Kipkoech today celebrated his 26th birthday by winning the Five Mills cross-country race in this north Italian town, near Milan.

**Kifco Trophy**

The first semifinal for the Kifco Trophy will be played between Evergreen and Kifco cricket teams at the NC grounds tomorrow at 9 am.

**David Gower**

LEICESTER, England, Jan 6, (Reuter): Former England captain David Gower will lead Leicestershire again next season. Leicestershire announced that Gower, captain for three seasons up to 1986, would take over from Test all-rounder Peter Willey, who said last month he did not want to continue.

**1988 Games**

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 6, (Kuna): Poland, South Yemen and Zaire today confirmed that they would be taking part in the 1988 Olympic Games at Seoul, bringing the number of accepting countries to 138, International Olympic Committee said.

**S. Korea triumph**

DOHA, Jan 6, (Reuter): South Korea beat Egypt in a penalty shoot out today after the Asian and African soccer champions drew 1-1 (half-time 0-0) at the end of regular time.

**BRIDGE**

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:

1. Nahil Akeel & Gill Wade  
2. Margaret Maynard & Daphne El Saad

**3. Sheila & Madge**

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game held on Dec 30:

1. Lollo Murchie & Doris Kimber and Salwa Hayek & Ghada Sarrat  
3. Suzanne Cattermole & Dora Matthey

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2. Ignace Mmeouchi & Richard Blackwell  
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1. Dr Farid & Jaggi  
2. Franklin & Elhan Abbesi  
3. Mrs Beatrice Peeters & Aubrey D'Souza

Sheraton will hold the annual Ibrahim Qattan Marathon Cup tomorrow at 3:00 pm.

**Hilton Bridge Club**

The Hilton Bridge Club is re-starting its weekly games from Jan 17. The games will be held every Sunday at 8:00 pm.

**DOOHAN LOSES TO MOIR****Shriver fights back to edge Gomer**

Shriver: breathing easier after victory

SYDNEY, Jan 6, (Reuter): Number one seed Pam Shriver struggled to overcome her White City jinx before recovering from a set down to beat a rejuvenated Sara Gomer in the New South Wales Open tennis tournament today.

Shriver, in her first appearance since winning the Brisbane Grand Prix, lost the first set of the second round match 7-6. Her British opponent went to 3-1, 40-0 in the second with some dazzling cross court backhands.

**Blistering**

But the American held her serve, broke Gomer in the sixth and 12th games of the second set to take it 7-5 and then took the third 6-2 as Gomer capitulated in the blistering heat.

The men's number one seed, South Africa's Christo van Rensburg, also struggled early on against Australian Simon Youl in his second round match before winning 6-4 6-3.

Van Rensburg, 4-1 and two breaks of serve down in the first set, woke up and reeled off eight games on the trot to win with ease.

In another South Africa/Australia bout, fourth seed Peter Doohan never got into his match against South Africa's Barry Moir.

Doohan lost 7-5 6-4 while number five seed John Fitzgerald, another Australian, had

peted in South Africa.

"There should be an absolute boycott of trade and sport," she said. "Cash was made such a big fuss of by the media in South Africa because he was Wimbledon champion so by going there he gave their government very real support."

Cash is playing in the Adelaide tournament as a tune-up for the Australian Open which starts next week.

Cash won his opening match in the Adelaide tournament by beating South African-born American John Krick 4-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-4.

Meanwhile Australian Open tennis champion Stefan Edberg is confident the new rebound ace surface laid for this year's tour-

ment will suit his game.

"The new surface should suit my game if I'm fit and play well. I think it will be alright for me," said Edberg today. The Australian Open begins on Monday.

Cash feels the surface should suit all players whether they be serve-volleyers or baseline operators.

**Better**

"You can stay back if you want or you can come into the net and I think therefore it makes it better all round."

"On grass it tends to be more a big server's paradise and clay more the other way around, so this is in between," Cash told journalists before the start of the challenge tournament.

England leave on January 13 for a tour that includes three Tests in New Zealand and one Test in Australia.

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